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Labour MPs revolt against the party line

By Anthony Bevins, Colin Brown and Fran Abrams

LABOUR fear and loathing of out yesterday after the whips went too far in the drive to control MPs.

Senior backbenchers are enraged by a plan to take central control of candidate selection for the next election, threatenfrom their Commons seats.

The backlash has even in the public domain ... spread to the ranks of the Cabinet, with Deputy Prime minister John Prescott and Secretary of State for Education and Employment David Blunkett reportedly opposing the whips' plans to dictate the names of the three MPs who are to be elected to the party's ruling national executive committee (NEC).

Unhappy and fearful Labour MPs - who all demanded anonymity before speaking to The Independent - yesterday compared the whips to the East German secret police, the Stasi.

In Prime Minister's Comday, Andrew Mackinlay, Labour stituencies at the next election. MP for Thurrock, delighted all 🛫 obsequious questions, and enability of his executive by MPs.

whips' proposals.

There was outrage at a private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) on Wednes-

day, when MPs debated a paper on "Parliamentary Selection the Government machine broke Consultation. The document said: "The Chief Whip will present a report to the NEC detailing unauthorised absences. principled abstentions and votes against the whip of all members of the PLP and may recommend to the NEC that they interview ing to oust non-conformists MPs with exceptionally poor records. This information will be

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The plan even included a suggestion that MPs in safe Labour seats might be challenged by "chicken run" Commons colleagues who could mons question time on Wednes- lose their more marginal con-

One senior MP said yestersides of the House with a brave day: "You see eyes of the young question in which he urged Tony ones who got in by not many Blair to discourage fawning and votes - their eyes lit up at the prospect of challenging all the courage scrutiny and account- old farts, and beating them."

Another long-standing MP swer was ambiguous. But there permanent change in the kind They want people who shout, come through."

'What's the line? What's the line?' all the time.'

At Wednesday's PLP meeting, David Gardner, the party's assistant general secretary, said there was no central plan to fill the Labour benches with a bunch of Blairite ciones. But few older MPs are convinced.

The revolt against plans to control membership of the NEC came on two fronts yesterday: with strong signals of cabinet-level backing for Dennis Skinner to remain a parliamentary member of the NEC; and with leftwingers leading the running in constituency party nominations for the rank-and-file section.

Mr Prescott and Mr Blunkett were said to have been upset by the tactics of the Government whips' office to rig the election on the NEC for MPs and MEPs by issuing its own preferred list of three candidates, including Clive Soley, chairman of the PLP.

Mr Skinner, MP for Bolsover, had gained more than 50 nominations vesterday within 24 hours of deciding to stand again for the NEC. Pete Willsman, a well-known figure on the left of the party, had the backing of 27 constituencies, and Liz Davies, had 25. Michael Cash-

man, received 21 nominations. Last night some party sources said leadership interference had backfired. "The leadership has been cack-handed over this,," one senior par-The Prime Minister's an- said: "They are trying to get a ty figure said. "If they had left it to the grass roots to decide, has been no ambiguity in the of person we select as MPs. their candidates would have



A crane yesterday lifts one of the carriages from the ICE train which crashed in Germany on Wednesday, killing almost 100 people

Germany halts all high-speed trains

By Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

GERMAN federal rail officials last night announced they were eration high-speed trains for inspections as a precaution after at least 100 people. a deadly train crash in northern

Germany. ter City Express trains were betrain that careened out of control on Wednesday morning in

Eschede was part of the fleet of experts had found evidence first-generation ICE trains that

began operation in 1991. Officials are still at a loss to

explain what caused the train to into a concrete overpass, killing However, it emerged yes-

terday that some of the carriages A spokesman said all 60 In- on the train came off the track and were dragged for miles being pulled immediately. The fore ploughing into the road bridge.

Regional government offithe northern German town of cials confirmed federal railway the crash.

that one of the coaches slipped off the track four miles before the train reached the bridge.

It appears the carriage was dragged along the rail bed until the train went over points shortly before the road crossing at Eschede. The wheels then jumped the track and uncoupled

the car from the train. This might explain why the engine cab found itself free of its passenger load - and how the driver escaped unscathed from

pled in the ensuing impact.

"These trains travel at hundreds of miles an hour, so you cover miles in minutes. The noise people apparently heard could have been wheels coming off the track," said Mel Holley,

deputy editor of Rail magazine. The theory the Inter City Express (ICE) jumped off the tracks after hitting a car, which had crashed through the railings

Industry observers pointed on the bridge and plunged into out that survivors of the crash the path of the high-speed serremembered hearing a jolt min- vice has already been disutes before the carriages crum- counted. This is in part because of the ICE's safety system can detect objects on the track and brake as necessary.

In a burst of national pride Le Parisien, the French capital's daily, said because the bogeys under the carriages on France's TGV train were articulated "like a snake's vertebrae" they would not be crushed like those of a German express train...

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Interest rate rise stuns business

By Diane Coyle and Colin Brown

MILLIONS of home buyers face the threat of higher mortgage costs after the Bank of tion. It stunned the City, unions England raised interest rates and businesses, and was greetyesterday in a move which out- ed with a chorus of condemnaraged industry and caught the City by surprise.

None of the big mortgage lenders increased their loan rates immediately. Stiff commarket meant all were waiting for somebody else to make the first move.

However, costs could yet rise for borrowers who take out variable rather than fixed rate mortgages. An increase of 0.25 per cent would add about £8 a

The decision by the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee to increase rates by a quarter point to 7.5 per cent was the sixth such move since the election, although the Treasury hinted at its approval.

"This reinforces the consistent message the Chancellor has made in recent months that petition in the mortgage everyone must show greater responsibility in pay," said a Treasury source.

The Bank of England which has set interest rates since last May showed it was not afraid to take unpopular decisions, and after the Prime Minister's warning that private sector pay rises



tone on interest rates

right. Everything must be done to end the cycle of boom and bust, said the Prime Minister's spokesman. But the Tories were month to the cost of a typical were too high, Downing Street quick to exploit the rise. Tory £50,000 repayment mortgage. said the move was absolutely central office paged Tory MPs

at lunchtime with the message that the rise in interest rates "is another blow to householders". Francis Maude, the shadow Chancellor, blamed the Chancellor for the "hammer blow" to homeowners and businesses. He said it was a "direct result of the Government's inability to control inflation" and threatened to put more people out of

John Redwood, the Tory Trade and Industry spokesman. warned that interest rates may have to rise further to squeeze inflation out of the economy. Wages are very buoyant - that

is why the Bank was forced to act but we would not have started from here. We would be encouraging savings, not taxing

them like the Chancellor." The Liberal Democrats said 200,000 jobs were under threat

the Bank of England was forced Brown's unwillingness to turn the screw on consumers, "Gordon Brown's botched budgets have helped created a Jekyll and Hyde economy - a 'booming' consumer sector and busting manufacturing," said Edward Davey, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman.

The Confederation of British Industry said it was "very concerned", and the Engineering Employers' Federation described its members as "horrified". Exporters blame the strong pound, which has hammered their profits and order books, on high interest rates. Union leaders were equally appalled. Ken Jackson, of the AEEU, warned that

in manufacturing. Banks and into action because of Gordon building societies said the surprise blow would not help the housing market, coming as it did on top of the recent reduction in tax relief on mortgage interest payments.

Savers started to benefit yesterday, however. The Bradford & Bingley, raised the rates it pays on savings accounts and pledged to hold home loan rates unchanged until 1 August.

Signs the economy is slowing to a more sustainable rate of growth had persuaded the financial markets that the cost of borrowing had already reached its neak and would soon start to fall. But the Bank's statement warned that the uncertain economic outlook kept monetary policy "finely balanced".

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In brief

The motive for the murder of

Grave secret

Billie-Jo Jenkins may be a secret she took "to her grave", a court was told. Page 5 Diana's death

Almost all the witnesses of the accident that killed Diana, Princess of Wales, will gather in one room today. Page II Teenage grants

Child benefit for 16- to 19-yearolds should replaced with £40t-week grants for sixth formers MPs said.

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Abbey National on the front page of yesterday's edition which should have been withdrawn given the nature of our main front-page story. We apologise for any distress caused.



By Janine Gibson Media Correspondent

AFTER 26 years as the voice of film on the BBC, Barry Norman will utter his last "...and why not?" for the corporation later and Mark Lamarr. this month before he defects to Rupert Murdoch's Sky TV.

Mr Norman's Film 98 will end this summer and he will front Sky's movie programming been aware that Film 98 was unfrom September.

The BBC does not expect Film 98 to return in the autumn and has dusted down its casting a change. The feeling is that the proved too attractive to turn couch to find a presenter for a show will have to be revamped."

new film review show. Names include Channel 5 news anchor Moviewatch host Johnny Vaughan and comedians Dawn French

BBC insiders suggested yesterday that though his sudden announcement was a surprise, the 64-year-old presenter had likely to survive past Film 99, let

alone reach Film 2000.

BBC1 controller Peter understood to be in the frame Salmon said yesterday: "Films are of great interest, particularly Kirsty Young, Big Breakfast and to the young, and it is important for us to find popular TV's new face of film who will appeal to them and take us into the new millennium."

The front man of film since he took over Film 72 eight months after the programme's launch, Mr Norman said: "I will look back on my time at the BBC with huge affection, but the A source said: "It is time for opportunities offered by Sky



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'The pervasive control mechanism diminishes MPs' self-confidence'

Andrew Mackinlay, the Labour MP for Thurrock, explains why he challenged Tony Blair to let his own MPs speak their minds

Commons is sitting, there is a duty Government whip present on the front bench.

One of the duties of that whip is to report back on the activities of Labour MPs who are "on message", and those who are stepping out of line. Acting as a kind of yeoman warder, the duty whip has a folder, passed on as the guard changes each hour, and I once discovered that it contains a section in which the duty whip comments on each backbench contribution to debate or questions: "Contribution/speech: helpful/unhelpful."

That system is part of the pervasive control mechanism applied by the Government to its own backbench MPs, and serves to diminish their selfconfidence.

This week, Labour MPs debated a draft paper on the candidate reselection procedure they will face before the next election. I am concerned that could prejudice an MP's chances of survival.

The role of MPs in providing scrutiny and accountability and probing the executive is of paramount importance, particularly given the scale and exgovernment.

It becomes even more important when governments have the kind of majorities er and Tony Blair. With an opposition weak in impact and numbers, there is an additional duty for MPs to jealously defend their role.

ers each day, we all lay "aside all private interests, prejudices and partial affections ..." Nowhere is this more necessary

ALL THE time the House of partisan spirit and approach. Ministers might find it painful, but inquisitorial MPs unist be able to perform their

duties without outside influence, sanction or leverage. While there is no evidence that the whips have been exerting such influence, ministerial aides - the parliamentary private secretaries - need to be pulled aside and told to "get off the lawn" of select committee When I put my Commons

question to Tony Blair on Wednesday, asking him to discourage the fawning, and encourage the independentminded scrutiny of the executive, I did so because the devaluation of question time has become unacceptable. Every day, ministerial aides

trawl the corridors of the Commons, canvassing pliant MPs with prearranged soft-ball questions, asking them to sign their names to questions they have not written. If those quessuch subjective judgements tions succeed in the daily draw - as they often do because there are so many of them - they will then be given a briefing note and a suggested "word bite" to use with the minister at question time. That procedure serves to squeeze out the dilitrouble to think up and submit an original question.

Commons question time has been devalued not because achieved by Margaret Thatch- of the rumbustiousness and occasional Tony Banks-style wit, but because of the stagemanagement and the meek, patsy questions of government backbenchers, and the yahboo-sucks Tory contributions.

During parliamentary pray-That was used, in part, as the excuse to "reform" prime minister's question time and reduce its frequency from Tuesthan in the select committee days and Thursdays to a House of Commons. system, which depends on a bi- half-hour session on Wednes-



penditure of any modern gent MP who has gone to the Andrew Mackinlay: 'Question time has been devalued by the patsy questions of government backbenchers'

er have been allowed.

There was a suggestion this Wednesday that my "independence" would be guaranteed by the Prime Minister not giving me a ministerial job. He and I want me to become a minister. I enjoy my job as a full-time backbencher, probing and exposing and defending the interests of my Thurrock

constituents on the floor of the

days. The change should nev- hibited by collective minister- thought to this matter, he er Lenthall saw off Charles L. ial responsibility from publicly would quickly realise that it questioning issues such as hospital closures, road-widening, if he were to take questions unand Third World debt. That is rehearsed. It would also help much more important to me to enhance Parliament's reputhan being Parliamentary tation. The Prime Minister are in agreement. Neither of us. Under-Secretary of State for clearly has the skill to do that, Paper Clips and Statues.

I find it increasingly depressing that more and more people are willing to defer and repress their views in the hope of getting their backsides on the seats of ministerial limos.

would be a sign of confidence and he should order his overzealous acolytes to back off. If he allows this situation to persist, it diminishes him.

When I take school groups around the Commons, I always pause on the spot, in St dition. Stephen's Hall, where Speak-

He told the King, "May it please Your Majesty, I have neither eyes to see, nor tongue to speak in this place, but as the House is pleased to direct me, whose servant I am here ..."

I tell my schoolchildren that this was the Speaker asserting the rights and independence of Parliament over the executive of the day. There needs to be a reassertion by parliamentarians today of that critical tra-

Unionist splits

Ireland Correspondent

A RICH and varied mixture of candidates will contest this month's elections to a new Belfast assembly, ranging from IRA icons to stalwart Orange-men still battling against the Good Friday agreement.

The Rev Ian Paisley, for example, will be competing for votes against his own son - also called Ian - Patricia Campbell a Catholic Ulster Unionist, and Joe Cahill, a republican veteran once sentenced to death for the murder of a policeman during the Second World War.

Also, because the election is being held under proportional representation, which provides six winners in each constituency, all of them could be elected for the North Antrim constituency.

The nationalist side is politically neat and tidy, with a straight fight being waged between John Hume's SDLP and Gerry Adams's Sinn Fein. The main question here is whether the republicans will continue to increase their vote, as they have done in recent years.

But on the Unionist side, the picture is one of fragmentation, with at least six different shades of candidates entering the fray.

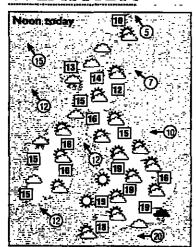
By far the largest bloc is David Trimble's Ulster Unionist party, which has nominated 48 runners. But while most of these are loyal to the Trimble line, six or perhaps eight candidates are regarded as opponents of the Good Friday agreement

This raises the question of whether the UUP leader will be able to rely on these cantidates, should they reach the assembly.

A second complication comes from at least four UUP members who, without regard to the party's selection procedures, are standing for the assembly as

The most prominent of these is Denis Watson, who is running against Mr Trimble himself in the Lipper Bana constituency.

WEATHER



England and Wales will be warmer than recently with suriny spells for most places. However south-east England will be cloudler with heavy, thundery rain someofing from Kent this afternoon and the freshening wind will make it feel cool. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a lot of cloud, limited sunshine and some light drizzly rain, but eastern Scotland will have better surrey spells with any showers mostly confined to the hills.

Outlook for the next few days Showers in south-east England tomonow will die out and most places should become dries and brighter in the afternoon. Wales and northern England will be cloudy. Northern Ireland will be overcast with spells of rain spreading into western Scotland. The west will be -krudy with rain on Sunday, but elsewhere it should be "Th summy spells. Pain will move into western parts day but the east will be warm and sunny.

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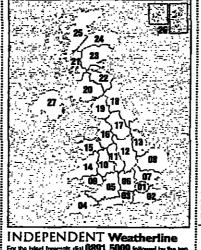
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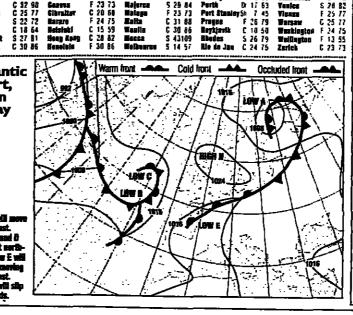
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MICHAEL WEATHER WISE

SO, WE'LL all be heading up to Arbroath and Carnoustie for our summer holidays in the 21st century. Scottish tourism experts are pointing to global warming and claiming that one side effect will be warmer and drier summers for the Scottish east coast.

An optimistic report, "Potential Effects of Climate Change on the Scottish Tourist Industry" suggests that in future the west of Scotland will get more rain, but the east coast will become drier. Global warming, claims the report, will lead to a strengthened westerly airflow over Scotland, leading to mild and damp weather in the west, and mild and dry weather in the east. Apparently, towns like Arbroath, Stonehaven and Elie a traveller possibly want?

coastal resorts, with harbours filled with yachts and open-air cafés where the scantily clad can sip the finest '09 Huddersfield Chardonnay.

I don't believe a word of it. for limited areas - especially areas as limited in extent as this narrow coastal strip, should be taken with an enormous pinch of salty porridge. One postglobal-warming model envisages a frozen Britain; the Gulf Stream scuppered as the Atlantic conveyor is switched off by glacial melting and oceanic warming. If this model is correct, places like Arbroath will come to resemble Baffin Island rather than Brittany, icebound all winter and with short, chilly

Nobody knows what the Arbroath of 2020 will look like. It may well resemble Brittany. It may well resemble the Canadian wastes. On the other hand, it may well change not a jot. But that shouldn't deter the tourists: a couple of smokies for your supper and a pint in a firewarmed bar, what more could

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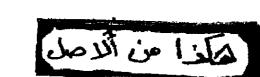
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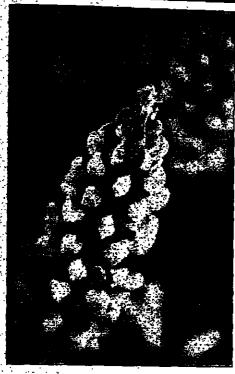
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Previously unseen images by the late photographer go on show in New York today









Linda's wide open landscape

Arts News Editor

PREVIOUSLY unseen photographs by the late Linda McCartney go on show in New York today. The exhibition, Wide Open, shows her studies of nature, moody, minimalist landscapes and still life works.

Ms McCartney, who died of cancer in April, selected the final pictures shortly before her death. The exhibition runs at the Bonni Benrubi Gallery until July 2. "Last September, I spent time with Linda in England, and quite literally looked at almost every picture she had made in the past 30 years. I was astonished by what I saw," gallery

owner Bonni Benrubi said yesterday. "Picture after picture, I was struck by Linda's keen eye toward composition,

her inherent sense of objectivity, and the Linda was in the corner, snapping away. timelessness of the images... There are landscapes of the Sussex countryside, a beach in the USA, the coastline of Brazil. and others that invite the viewer to dream and rest in the peacefulness of such imagery, and appreciate how precious our natural resources are.

"There are intimate still lifes composed perfectly, artistically, and frozen in time for each and everyone's interpretation." Critics have been quick to dismiss the

technical expertise of Linda McCartney's work. She a good eye but was criticised for not coming to terms with the more mundane aspects of taking pictures.

Nevertheless, while rock icons such as Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, and Brian Jones were the worse for wear on drink and drugs,

Her talent has often been described as no more than being in the right place

at the right time - but so were a lot of other people. However, it was she who got the shots. At college she was not taught technique, but told that the key to making great pictures was finding the right inspiration at the right moment. Her images often lack formality of composition, with the subjects at times being caught off-centre, or hovering at the edge of the frame.

The pictures at the New York exhibition ranged from photographs taken in the Sixties and Seventies to others tak-

en throughout the Nineties. At the same time, an exhibition of Linda's innovative work with the artist Brian Clarke involving putting photographs on to stain glass windows has

London or New York.

The exhibition opens a few days before a memorial service for her in London. Sir Paul McCartney will give the address at the service on Monday night at St Martin-in-the-Fields church while animal rights organisations hold a candle-lit vigil in Trafalgar Square.

The service, next Monday, will attract interest across the world, but Sir Paul McCartney is planning to keep it a private affair, restricted to family and friends and those who knew his late wife.

Representatives of animal rights and vegetarian organisations plan to assemble during the early evening to pay tribute to Lady McCartney's work over more than two decades in increasing public awareness about vegetarianism

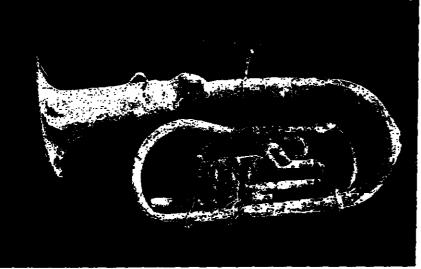


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McCartney's images, top row (from left) Two Ronney sheep 1987, Oak in mist 1985, Oast landscope 1986; middle row, Lupins 1986 and Foxgloves 1986; bottom row, Jarman's trumpet 1995; Shadow earth 1990; Stallion and standing stone II 1996





Patients put at risk by medical research fraud

Health Editor

UNETHICAL medical research and fraudulent research results are going undetected, exposing patients to risk and un- of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics, scientific institutions, a group of people are loath to admit it exmedical editors said yesterday.

research misconduct had been detected by the Committee on Publication Ethics, set up a year ago to study the problem. Dr Richard Smith, editor of the set up research precautions." British Medical Journal, which has been forced to retract a paper this week because of fraud, said this was the tip of the iceberg.

A national agency with the power to send in his squads to investigate doctors and laboratories where fraud is suspected maybe the only way to deal with the problem, they said.

bers of the committee and cholesterol-lowering drugs. 20,000 medical journals published worldwide. We do not know the extent of the problem." Dr Smith said.

Dr Richard Nicolson, editor dermining the credibility of said: "We have a problem and ists. Over the last 20 years peo-In the last year, 27 cases of ple in positions of authority ought to have been taking fraud seriously. Other countries have taken fraud seriously and acknowledged it exists and have

> One case involved a family doctor who experimented on patients at high risk of heart disease by giving them an untested drug cocktail without telling them what was going on.

The unnamed GP gave the cocktail to 77 patients with high cholesterol in his practice to see fering from an ectopic preg-if it would reduce their levels as nancy (in which the fertilised There are about 10 mem- effectively as the mainstream

known as statins. He then sent his findings to the BMJ.

Dr Smith said: "It was a crackpot therapy and scientifically completely meaningless. All drugs have side effects and if there was no benefit to the patients then that is potentially harmful."

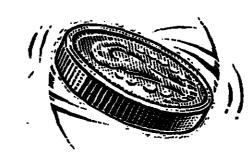
He said he had sent details of the doctor to the General Medical Council but discovered he had been struck off the medical register for another

Past frauds have also led to doctors being struck off by the General Medical Council. Malcolm Pearce, an obstetrician at St George's Hospital in London, was erased from the register in 1995 for faking a study in which he claimed that a woman sufegg implants outside the womb,

usually in a Pallopian tube) had the foetus surgically transferred into the womb, followed by a successful birth. Had it been true it would have been a breakthrough procedure. But the patient never existed.

Other examples cited yesterday included cases of plagiarism, manipulation of data and duplicate publication in more than one journal in order to give a finding greater credibility, especially where it invoived a new drug.

Dr Michael Farthing, chairman of the committee and editor of the journal Gut, said the problem was pervasive. "An example of massive plagiarism was discovered only because we happened to send the paper to a reviewer whose work had been plagiarised. We could have sent it to any one of 200 people and it might never have been noticed. That made me very nervous."



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BBC's World Cup coverage threatened

By Jamine Gibson Media Correspondent

IN THE BBC's flagship news prograinmes were abandoned or drastically disrupted yesterday as the technicians' union warned it would target World Curicoverage if its dispute with the corporation is not resolved. Sectu warned BBC managrament that six French broad-

casting unions have pledged their support and could block the BBC's coverage of key World Cup matches if an agreement is not reached.

Yesterday's coverage of the South African test at Edgbaston was prioritised by the BBC and went ahead with just one interruption, which the BBC said was due to a power failure.

The BBC's live broadcasts were in turmoil all day, beginning with its flagship Today



Naughtie: off air

programme. Radio 4 listeners tuning in to the agenda-setting breakfast show were faced with Radio 3's classical music lineup interspersed with news bulletins. Today presenter James Naughtie was among those af-

On television, Breakfast ment is extremely unlikely.

News was abandoned and replaced with magazine shows and bulletins supplied by the BBC's rolling-news service, News 24. Later in the day, BBC1's One O'Clock News went ahead, but Radio 4's World at One was substituted by a lunchtime concert.

Estimates of how many staff stayed away varied. Bectu said its 6,500 members were joined by other BBC staff who would not cross picket lines, totalling over 15,000. The BBC insisted inst 3,500 staff were missing.

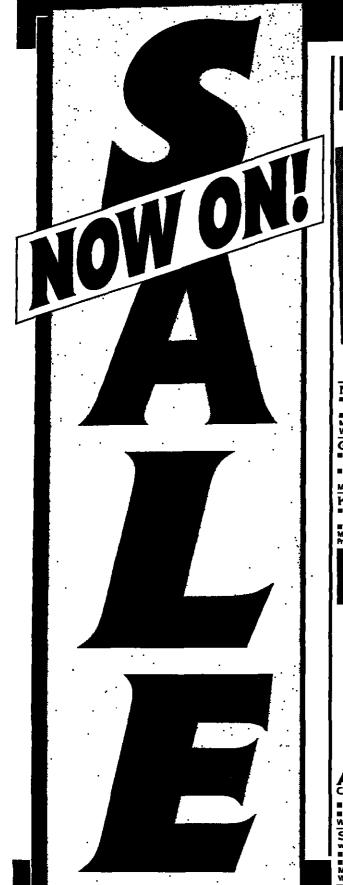
Despite talks about talks at the conciliation service, ACAS. until 10pm on Wednesday night, the 24-hour strike began as planned at midnight. A second stoppage looks set to go ahead next Tuesday, although Bectu and the BBC meet at ACAS today, but insiders say an agree-

Bectu's Gerry Morrissey said: "If management come prepared to make a settlement then we'll do that but they haven't shown much sign of that so far." The union will announce further action days if agreement is not reached.

Bectu's dispute with the BBC centres on the BBC's proposal to convert its production resources into a wholly-owned subsidiary, BBC Resources Ltd. The union claims this move is a prelude to full privatisation.

The BBC director of personnel, Margaret Salmon, said: The BBC made great efforts to minimise disruption to the schedules, which lets down viewers and listeners and damages the BBC." Of the BBC's changes to resources, she said: "It is what any well-run, successful organisation would





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"Foster father's frustrating day 'led to murder'

A DEPUTY headteacher "savagely, beat his teenage foster on the day of the murder Mr daughter to death after a day of "frustrating and irritating" events a court was told yesterday.

Sion Jenkins, 40, bludgeoned 13-year-old Billie-Jo Jenkins to death with an 18-inch metal tent spike on the patio of the family home in Hastings, East Sussex, a jury at Lewes Crown Court heard.

Two of his natural daughters, aged 10 and 12, were outside the family house as Jenkins bludgeoned Billie-Jo and then left the house with his foster daughter dying in a pool of blood.

Mr Jenkins denies murdering Billie-Jo on 15 February last year. But, said Camden Pratt. prosecuting, forensic evidence proved that the teacher had to have been with Billie-Jo when she was beaten.

Mr Pratt said: "There were no witnesses to her death. They (the scientists) will say that when the defendant's clothing was examined, upon it were spatterings of blood. When they were tested with DNA tests they turned out to be the blood of Billie-Jo. The pattern of spatterings is consistent with the defendant having stood very close to Billie-Jo when she was being struck. It is not consistent with his attending Sion Jenkins: 'Blood stains' to a dead, blood-stained body.

Mr Pratt added: "The defendant denies being present when she was struck. In view of that blood spattering the Crown says he must have been lying and the only reason he would be lying would be because he was the one who inflicted those fatal blows that led to the spattering of blood on his clothing."

Billy-Jo had been fostered by Mr Jenkins and his wife Lois, 39, for more than four years.

The family had recently moved from London to Hastings, with Billie-Jo and their four natural daughters where Mr Jenkins had taken up the post of deputy headteacher of William Parker Boys School.

Jenkins had spent much of the day making frustrating journeys picking up his children.

At midday, he had to drive to a supermarket to take a cheque book to his wife. When he arrived he realised he had brought the wrong book and had to make another round trip.

At 2pm, his 10-year-old daughter Lottie was taken to a music lesson by a family friend. But Mr Jenkins and his wife had to follow in their car because he did not know where to pick his daughter up from.



When he went to pick up Lottie, accompanied by his 12vear-old daughter Annie, at around 3pm he had to take another 10-year-old girl home.

On returning home, Mr Jenkins is alleged to have murdered his foster daughter while his children were outside. Billie-Jo had been left paint-

ing the dining room patio doors. Mr Pratt said: "The defendant says that at one point he had to tell off Billie-Jo for painting the inside of the doors rather than the outside - perhaps another frustration that she wasn't do-

ing what he wanted." : Billie-Jo was still painting til today.

Mr Pratt told the court how the patio doors. Mr Pratt said: "The defendant says that he was aware of a brief exchange of words or greeting between Annie and Billie-Jo but he never saw her. He says nothing was amiss. They can have been in the house for only a matter of minutes before they left again.

"The defendant says that the two children left the house and he followed behind, locking the front door and leaving Billie-Jo painting."

After the attack, Mr Jenkins bundled the two girls into his car on the pretext of going to a local DIY store.

When they arrived home Billie-Jo had been dead for no more than 15 minutes so the scene that was to meet them was horrific," said Mr Pratt.

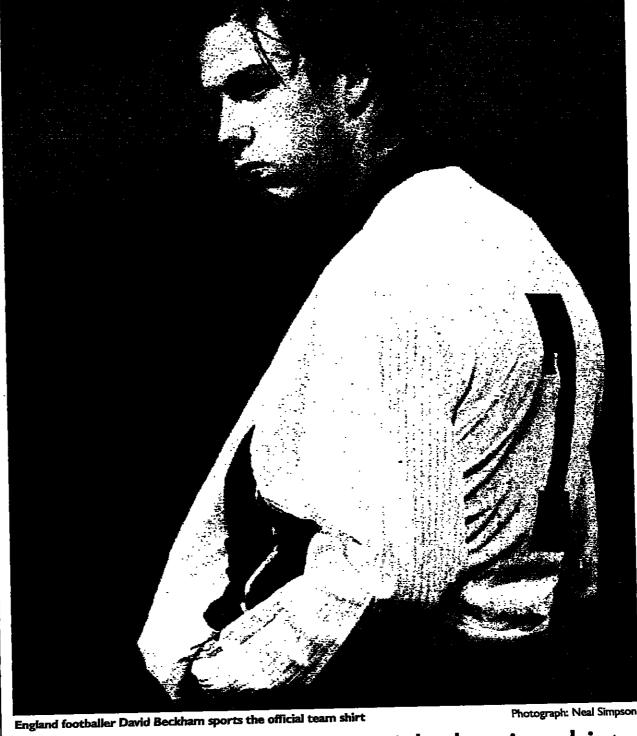
Instead of rushing to help his foster daughter, Mr Jenkins took the girls into the playroom next door and shut the door to the dining room where Billie-Jo lay. Mr Pratt said: "The Crown

say that the defendant didn't go to help. The Crown would suggest that that is because he knew that Billie-Jo was beyond help because it was he that had killed her."

Mr Jenkins rang for an ambulance and telephoned family friend Denise Franklin and asked her to come to the house. He told the operator that Billie-Jo had been injured between 30 and 45 minutes earlier.

Mr Pratt said: "That was a great exaggeration. The longer the time he could give the easier it would be to suggest that a complete stranger for no reason at all had walked in off the street, perpetrated a murder with no motive, having arrived without a murder weapon and left without stealing anything or doing anything, not seen by anyone."

The jury was told the blows suffered by Billie-Jo had been so ferocious that they shattered the left side of her skull. The trial was adjourned un-



England players' sunburn risk despite shirts

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

ENGLAND'S world cup football squad face a threat from an unexpected quarter when they line up for their opening match in Marseille next week. Glenn Hoddle's advisers appear to have neglected a crudifference between Wembley and southern France - the Mediterranean sun.

Three doctors who tested a er of the material used in the T-shirt made of identical material to that used for the England team's kit found it offered little protection against ultraviolet radiation. In the strong sun normal for France in June and July they warn that the players are at risk of sunburn.

Dr Andrew Wright and colleagues from St Luke's Hospital in Bradford shone ultraviolet rays through a lay-

shirt. They found the loose weave of the shirt allowed 10 to 20 per cent of the radiation through.

Over a three-hour period, a fair-skinned person wearing the shirt would be at greater risk of contracting a sore back and shoulders than one who discarded the shirt and applied sunblock of factor 20-30 in-

The investigators, who report their findings in a letter to The Lancet, suggest that moisture from humidity or sweat can reduce the sun protection factor further.

Umbro marketing director Peter Draper said: "This is essentially the same kit used by Brazil when they won the World Cup in Los Angeles in mid-July, 1994. It didn't affect them adversely in any way."

Lawrence murder review 'flawed'

A POLICE officer yesterday admitted there were "inaccuracies and omissions" in an internal review he carried out into the police inquiry into the murder of Stephen Lawrence which was later judged to be crucial in hampering subsequent inquiries.

Detective Chief Superintendent Roderick Barker concluded in his 1993 report that the inquiry was being conducted professionally and all lines of inquiry had been pursued.

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But yesterday he told the public inquiry into the black 18year-old's murder in Eltham, south London, in April 1993, that he had seen mistakes at the time but had not included them for fears that they could be seized upon by defence lawyers acting in a future prosecution. He denied suggestions that his review was a cover-up to protect officers.

His review was criticised by a Police Complaints Authority report by Kent Police last year which said it did not identify errors in the investigation and, as a result, later attempts to solve the crime were misinformed.

Mr Barker, who has now retired from the force, was appointed to conduct the internal review, routinely carried out when murders have not been solved after 10 weeks, four months after the murder.

At the outset he discussed the matter with Commander Hugh Blenkin, who was in charge of operational matters in Eltham in 1993. In his statement to the public inquiry he said that Mr Blenkin had told him that the review should be carried out sensitively and should not criticise any officers, particularly Detective Superintendent Brian Weeden, who was then the senior investigating officer.

Mr Barker said: "It was intended to be a constructive exercise to identify and assist the investigation in moving forward. The sole objective was to identify and bring to justice the people who murdered Stephen I awrence." The hearing was adjourned

until Monday.

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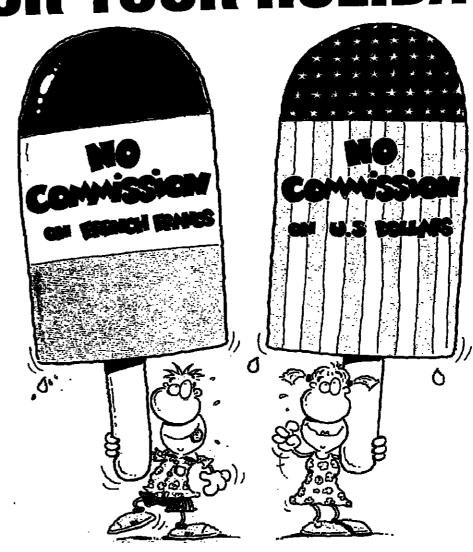
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Pensions poverty faced by millions

By Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

MILLIONS of people could in their income after they retire to retire," she said. "On averunless pensions provision is age, people can expect their inimproved, the Government was comes to fall by between 20 and warned yesterday in an inde- 30 per cent in retirement.

ammunition for the Social Se- drop in their income when they curity Secretary, Harriet Har- retire - a drop they certainly man, who has been at the centre don't expect to face and one of a battle with the Treasury over which is avoidable." a Green Paper setting out the Government's long-term plans top up the existing state pension.

committee chaired by pensions consultant Tom Ross, Ms Harman denied the Treasury had forced the Green Paper to be delayed and insisted that it would be published before the main thrust of Government end of the year.

warning that many people now working, perhaps in their thirties or forties, face a big drop face a drop of up to 30 per cent in their income when they come

This report shows that The report provided more more people will face a bigger

Ms Harman will also use the report's findings to reject demands by pensioners campaigners for the state pension Launching the report, by a to be linked in future to rises in earnings, as well as prices. It found that it would lead to some elderly people living alone losing income support.

But the report endorses the

"The report sounds a clear sion with "stakeholder" pensions. Ministers hinted yesterday that they will avoid making the contributions compulsory, but they did not rule out a form of means testing of the state pension in the future, although the manifesto pledge ruling out means testing will last until the next election.

One of the key findings of the panel was that fears of a "pensions time bomb" - with today's children being unable to afford the tax-based state pension for the future - were un-

The report also criticised the Government for failing to make a coherent approach across Whitehall towards pensions, but Mr Ross denied it was intended as a personal attack on ministers, following reports of clashes between Ms Harman and her deputy, Frank Field.



policy to top up the state pen- Compulsory pensions, page 26 Harriet Harman warned of a big cut in income when people retired Photograph: Brian Harris

Arrogant Jack in the land of milk and honey

THE full scale of the changed circumstances of the Commons, since I was unceremoniously dismissed by the voters of Cleethorpes last year, finally struck home yesterday during agriculture questions when I saw a Labour MP (Rudi Vis) representing the London constituency of Finchley asking a question on agriculture.

I only ever record the member for Finchley being a fearsome Conservative lady who answered questions as Prime Minister.

This alone reminded me that where once sat tired, middle-aged Conservative ministers ruling complacently and arrogantly, there now sit ... well ... tired, middle-aged Labour ministers ruling complacently and arrogantly.

And they do not come more complacent than Jack Cunningham, the Minister for Agriculture, who was on parade yesterday.

He is a long serving, decent, moderate, old-Labour, middle-aged cove for whom complacency is an art form.

With a little effort he is also making satisfactory progress in the arrogance stakes. Not quite rivalling the Lord Chancellor he has, nevertheless, already spent a small fortune of public money on a new, grand, departmental office and banned beef on the bone while leaving his junior minister, Jeff Rooker, to take the rap in a rowdy Commons debate while he had a quick snifter in the members smok-

His opposite number on the Tory side, Michael Jack. a former middle-ranking agriculture minister who knows the technicalities of the subject well, challenged the department on its arrogance and complacency.

Those of us who have ever represented agricultural constituencies rarely know anything about the subject when we are first elected but learn to cover our farmyard tracks by mastering the mass of technical jargon: green pound; devaluation; monetary compensatory amounts;

beef cull and so on.

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Yesterday, the terminology frankly overwhelmed my powers of concentration: I started with a joit when Don Touhig (Labour, Islwigu) quizzed Jeff Rooker about something called the "cattle traceability scheme". Think. ing this was some novel way to catch Daisy or Buttercup if they escaped down the lane, it turns out that this is some complicated paraphernalia to do with bovine spongiform encephalopathy

and the beef ban. The air was thick with technicalities. Nigel Beard (Labour, Bexleyheath and Crayford) was concerned about the Varroa Jacobsons mite which is killing all our bees. He was reassured that in this Blairite land of milk and honey there is a "viable UK honey programme".

Michael Jack and junior minister Elliot Morley got in a convoluted exchange about agri-monetary compensation while Geoffrey Clifton-Brown (Conservative, Cotswold) was in a stew about vitamin B6. I could not tell whether this was good for you or not.

Gordon Prentice (Labour, Pendle) was concerned about low-level antibiotics as a prophylactic and predicted biological Armageddon.

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Few members attendagriculture question time except those who want a comfortable. favourite ringside seat - Dennis Skinner (Labour, Bolsover) and Edward Leigh (Conservative, Gainsborough); those who wanted to rest their eyes - Peter Pike (Labour, Burnley); and those unfortunate to have signed a question form two weeks earlier in the members' tea room when it was thrust under their. nose by an energetic whip.

There is only one rule in agriculture questions any member need to remember: farmers are always grumbling. Never believe them. Ministers' heads are always on the block in the eyes of the National plained throughout the Tory rule; they will complain

throughout Labour's rule. Thus it was, as now, and shall be ever more.

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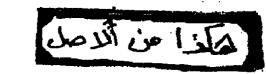
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Two killed as pit roof collapses on miners

TWO MINERS were killed cident was when the police yesterday when the roof of a knocked on our door," said coal seam collapsed on top of Maureen. "We're all devastat-

Investigators were last night trying to discover what caused the cave-in at the small, familyowned Moorside Colliery at Eckington, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire - a tragedy that stunned the close-knit commu-

Alan Hill, 50, of Poolsbrook, and David Martin, 48, of I would expect it may be several Woodthorpe, both in the nearby town of Staveley, were certified dead at the scene after being dug out by the Mines Rescue Service. It took rescuers two hours to pull them from the debris after the roof collapsed at 6.45am, 800m along a shaft, 38m underground.

The mine has been shut and it is not known when work will

Friends said that Mr Martin had worked at the pit for only a few months. His wife, Jean, was comforted by the couple's 14-year-old son Dar- this happened," said Mr Stevenrell and other members of the

Dennis Martin, a neighbour from Bridle Road, Woodthorpe, said the village was stunned by the news. "I couldn't believe it when I heard what had happened. He was a nice friendly family man who always said hello to you when you passed him in the street," he said.

Mr Hill, of the Square, Poolsbrook, leaves a widow, Brenda, and three children, Alan, Maureen and Elaine. "The first we knew about the ac-

Bob Stevenson, a mine inspector with the Health and Safety Executive, said the pit opened in 1993 and had a good safety record. These were the first fatalities.

He said: "It has 22 employees from local villages. The workforce are in a terrible state. days, maybe weeks, before they start working again."

A third miner involved in the accident, but not seriously hurt, was still too shocked to talk to inspectors, he said.

*Mine investigations will take one or two days. They are subject to witnesses and there is one main witness, but he is in a terrible state. It is down to when he will be available to give

"The pit has a good safety record, with only relatively normal, minor incidents before

The miners were repairing a steel roof in the drift mine, which had subsided, when it collapsed on top of them.

No one at the mine was available for comment, but a worker said managers were "very upset". A Derbyshire Police spokes-

woman said: "There is no suggestion as to what hap-

"There seems to have been some sort of earth slide, but what caused that is yet to be dis-



Pay sixth-formers to study, say MPs

Education Correspondent

CHILD benefit for 16 to 19-yearolds should be abolished and replaced with universal £40-a-week grants for sixth formers, an influential committee of backbench MPs said yesterday.

The Commons Education Select Committee said young people in further education had as much right to support as university students.

Their proposals, published yesterday, would mean axing the £37-£61 a month child benefit parents can claim for 16 to 19year-olds in full-time education. The system of discretionary grants awarded by local authorities would also go.

Instead all sixth-form stuschool or college would get a grant, possibly worth £30 or £40 a week, to encourage more

MPs also urged ministers to

dents in further education. At the launch of the committee's report into further education yesterday the chairman, Margaret Hodge, said: "It is not acceptable that the quality of support varies depending on which are the student lives. Nor is it fair that further education students get a raw deal compared to undergraduates."

Mrs Hodge said scrapping child benefit for the over-16s would save £600m a year, while reforming local authority discretionary grants would free another £300m; enough to fund about half the £2bn annual cost of the grants scheme. The rest could come from means-tested loans, she said.

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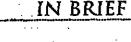
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grants should be paid directly to dents studying full-time at teenagers. Mrs Hodge said the proposals were not "over-generous", but direct payments would provide a real incentive to people to stay on in education. learn. "Where the Government should be putting its money is into supporting the tail-end of

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Car drags teenager along road

A MOTHER appealed for help yesterday to catch a driver who left her son with serious injuries following a road rage incident at Farnborough, Hampshire.

Russell Ashwood, 18, was dragged for hundreds of yards by a Ford Fiesta and thrown against another vehicle. Yesterday he was said to be poorly but stable in hospital after being admitted with multiple fractures to his pelvis and internal injuries. His mother Susan, 44, appealed for anyone who could help to contact police: "Someone knows a Fiesta driver came home and something wasn't right, or someone knows who did it."

Police said the incident happened on Wednesday afternoon when the teenager was being driven by his 47-year-old father, Vivian, when they turned left into Sand Hill. A silver Ford Fiesta XR2 - believed to be driven by a man with two passengers in it - stopped in front of them. Police said the teenager got out of the Mini and approached the passenger side of the Fiesta and, after an "exchange of words" through the window, the Fiesta suddenly drove off with him clinging to the side.

Paedophile's sentence cut

AJESUTT priest who sexually abused boys at a Roman Catholic public school had his five-year jail sentence cut to three years yesterday when the Court of Appeal in London quashed his conviction on some of the charges against him.

Last September Pather James Chaning-Pearce admitted indecently assaulting three boys aged 15, 13 and 12 at Stonyhurst College, near Preston, Lancashire, but denied four charges of molesting another boy aged 16. Children's charities have condemned the decision of the Jesuit organisation that runs the school to fund Chaning-Pearce's appeal.

Policeman on drugs charge

A POLICE officer appeared in court yesterday on drugs and conspiracy charges. Andrew Neil Haigh, 35, a constable with the West Yorkshire force, went before Halifax magistrates charges with possessing amphetamines with intent to supply and conspiracy to perven the course of justice.

No pleas were entered and Mr Haigh, of Dewsbury, was remanded in police custody until 8 June. He appeared in court with two other men, Gary Sutherland, 30,of Dewsbury, and John Dean Hall, 28, of Batley.

Car safety report wrong

FOUR CAR firms yesterday received an apology from the Consumers' Association over an incorrect report on the risk of injury in a crash. The association indicated last week that the Daewoo Lanos, Honda Civic, Hyundai Accent and Suzuki Baleno posed an unacceptably high risk of serious injury to drivers or passengers. But in a statement, the CA said that the interpretation of its information was incorrect and apologised for the "confusion" it had caused.

Fears over bombs on shore

THE IRISH government expressed "serious concern" to Britain last night as more Second World War bombs were washed ashore from the Irish Sea. A total of 14 devices had been found on beaches on Ireland's eastern coastline over the past 24 hours. The bombs are thought to have been shaken free by storms from the Irish Sea channel where munitions had been dumped.



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Soldiers practising firefighting techniques at Wattisham barracks in Suffolk yesterday, in preparation for next week's planned strike by Essex fire teams

Soldiers haul out Green Goddess hoses for firefighters' strike

built for comfort rather than ing firefighters. speed, writes Barrie Clement.

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If truth be told, they were al- reering around Essex at 40mph ways a touch ungainly and in place of the county's strik-

Yesterday, soldiers of the But next week the Green Royal Scots and Royal Logis- pected to be followed by a

fleet of foot as they used to be. their inadequacies, will be ca- 50-year-old fire engines in when Essex Fire Brigades preparation for their emergency duties.

strate their anger over £1m A four-hour stoppage startworth of cuts in a march ing at 10am on Monday is ex- through Colchester. Some of the soldiers train-

THE old girls are not quite as Goddess fire engines, despite tical Corps were training on the 24-hour walk-out next Friday, ing on the Green Goddesses vesterday at Wattisham military airfield in Suffolk have never Union members will demonbeen near a fire appliance before. Some will be attending emergency calls with just one day's training.

Andy Gilchrist, an official of the firefighters' union, said that the soldiers' equipment was "totally inadequate". He said: "The soldiers have my sympathy and so does the public."

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UK leaps up world economic' rankings

Economics Editor

THE UK has leapt up the world economic league table in the past year, climbing to withversial annual assessment.

Despite the Government's newly-launched drive to improve national competitiveness following a damning assessment by management consultancy McKinseys, Britain is the only big European economy to feature anywhere near the top of the world rankings published

These are compiled each year by the World Economic Forum, the body which organises the annual get-together of influential business and political leaders in Davos.

The UK is now the fourth most competitive country after Singapore, Hong Kong and the US, it says, up from seventh Premier league place last year, after overtaking Canada, New Zealand and Switzerland.

Other gainers this year are the Netherlands, Ireland, Finland and Denmark. But other Asian economies have slipped while the big Continental countries continue to languish in the middle of the league.

In an analysis of the results Jeffrey Sachs, an eminent Harvard professor, concludes that two types of country are the most competitive. Top of the league come the small but very open trading economies like Singapore. Close behind are the Anglo-Saxon countries, including the US, UK and Canada.

This pattern is due to the weight the report's rankings place on light regulation and the absence of red tape. Any single measure of competitiveness is bound to reflect the assumptions that have to be made to summarise an economy in one number, and the World Economic Forum is a firm advocate of free-market capitalism.

Thus Britain's leap fro 15th to 7th place between 1996 and 1997 was acclaimed by the Conservatives in the run-up to last year's election as a clear vote of confidence in their economic policies. The Labour party, in reply, focused on alternative figures showing dismal growth in the UK's national output per head

The WEF's overall "competitiveness index" is calculated by averaging a wide range of sub-indices measuring the openness of the economy, emgovernment, and the national infrastructure.

The explanation for the UK's ascent in the latest 12 months lies in confinuing improvements in infrastructure, government deregulation and labour market "flexibility". The in a whisker of the United financial system and resing-States, according to a contro-tions such as the competition authorities and the judiciary continued to score high marks

However, in a conclusion that will come as no surprise to exporters, the strength of sterhing against overseas correncies counts as a key liability, along with low national savings and investment and weaknesses in technical education.

Singapore and Hong Kong get top billing once again de-spite the fact that the Asian conomic crisis means both will suffer a sharp slowdown this year. The report admires their minimal governments and openness to international trade and finance.

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Indonesia, However, Malaysia and Thailand have all fallen in the rankings this year while Korea's position was little changed at number 19.

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Most of Asia's former tigers remain ahead of France, Germany and Italy, despite the economic whirlwind that has caused them such upheaval during the past 12 months. The Continentals are marked down heavily for their rigid labour markets and expensive social welfare systems.

Less controversially, a t the bottom of the league are Eastern European countries, and other emerging economies such as India and Zimbabwe, where corruption is rife, institutions and infrastructure fragile, and organised crime is often far more efficient than governployment laws, the quality of ments. The report once again blames the legacy of socialism. Business outlook, page 23



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By Les Murray

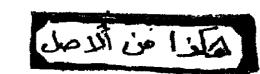
I starred last night, I shone: I was footwork and firework in one,

a rocket that wriggled up and shot darkness with a parasol of brilliants and a peewee descant on a flung bit; I was busters of glitter-bombs expanding to mantle and aurora from a crown, I was fouettés, falls of blazing paint, para-flares spot-welding cloudy heaven, loose gold off fierce toeholds of white, a finale red-tongued as a haka leap: that too was a butt of all right!

As usual after any triumph, I was of course inconsolable.

This is our final selection from Les Murray's Collected Poems, just published by Carcanet Press (£12.95). Born on a New South Wales farm in 1938, Les Murray has been a full-time writer since 1971; in 1996, he won the T S Eliot Prize. This poem first appeared in Subhuman Redneck Poems (1996).





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Law sought for children's privacy on Internet

By Mary Dejevsky in Washington

A US government agency has called for legislation to protect the privacy of children using the attempt to gauge the success of Internet, following a survey which showed widespread soliciting of personal data, including from juveniles, with no assurances about how it would

The agency, the Federal Trade Commission, is still considering whether to recommend statutory safeguards to

replace self-regulation where adults are concerned.

The FTC report, published yesterday, was commissioned by the United States Congress in an voluntary self-regulation by companies advertising on the Internet. The findings, described by the FTC Chairman, Robert Pitofsky, as "disappointing", could herald the end of the Clinton administration's generally hands-off approach to Internet regulation. Stronger words

came from privacy campaigners.

Center for Media Education in Washington, called the report "a major indictment of the lack of privacy on-line".

Of 1,400 commercial Internet sites surveyed, the FTC found that only 14 per cent gave any indication of how the personal information they collected would be used, let alone any guarantee that the information would not be passed to third parties. The report cited several companies operating "chatrooms" for children, which

one of whom, Jeff Chester of the requested full name, address. e-mail address and hobbies. The information would allow them to be easily tracked and targeted by advertisers.

Last July, in its first policy pronouncement on Internet privacy, the Clinton administration recommended that commercial concerns possessing websites should disclose how personal data would be used and whether it could be passed on. Introducing the report yesterday, Mr Pitofsky said that while some big companies like

following these guidelines, the policy of voluntary policing "is not working".

In the first instance, the FTC wants a law that would require companies to ensure that a child under 12 had an adult'spermission before disclosing personal details. Recognising the ease with which children could falsify their age or fabricate a confirmatory e-mail from a parent, Mr Pitofsky said that this would none the less be preferable to the current situation where companies buying and rejected.

IBM and America Online were could effectively operate like "door-to-door salesmen", touting wares to children who were home alone" and unsupervised.

The survey confirmed the fears of many Americans over lack of on-line privacy, but it is the Internet itself which people find most threatening. This is not only because of the sophistication of data collecting and sorting techniques, but because the Internet allows companies to track not only what people buy, but what they considered

Videos a force for good, says Disney

THE image of today's young people becoming isolated and unsociable as they sit glued to the television, videos and computer games is wrong, according to entertainment giant

New research, commissioned by the makers of children's video favourites Beauty and the Beast and Pocahontas, reassures parents who may use videos as a "baby-sitting" device that they can actually benefit their children.

The report, published today, says the VCR could be taking the place of old-fashioned story tellers and end up making plots." children more, not less,

About 96 per cent of children in the UK live in homes with videos and despite fears that films are just used by parents to keep children quiet, youngsters could be learning from the right sort of tapes, the report claims.

Disney, makers of nine of the 10 best-selling videos of all time, say that parents have more control over what their children watch on a video than they do over general television - and almost half of Britain's children have a television set in their rooms. Dr John Richer, a clinical

psychologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, carried out the study after a MORI poll showed that six in 10 children drew pictures of scenes and characters after watching a film.

Nearly three in four parents from the poll of 300 said their children played a game based on what they had just seen and more than nine out of 10 said theirs would remember the songs from the film.

Dr Richer said that all of

these things were skills that children traditionally picked up from adults reading them stories and encouraging "active

He said: "If used appropriately, videos can encourage children's understanding of moral issues and social relationships.

"Video watching can reflect the role of the traditional storyteller who introduced children to folk tales, myths and legends of the community and repeat viewing can enhance children's interpretive skills as they are able to absorb themes and

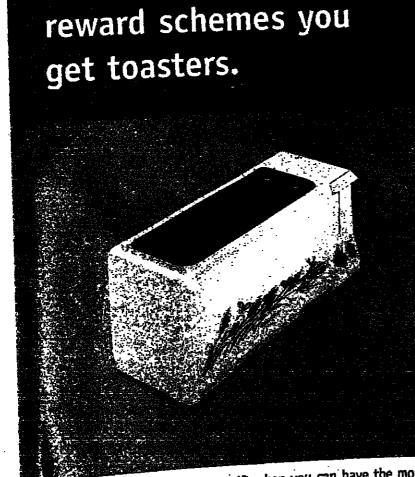
Helen Stratton of Disney Videos said: "We are delighted that this new research confirms what our young audience has been telling us for years." But other academics who

have carried out their own research into the field say that like anything in life, television and videos can be a force for good, but are also open to Professor Barrie Gunter,

social psychologist at the University of Wales, is author of a report which says that children who watch television for more than four hours a day are more prone to rebellion, drugtaking, crime and failure at

Dr Gunter said: "The research that we have done shows some consensus that children who become telly addicts are associated with a range of circumstances that one would call anti-social.

"I do accept that television and videos can be useful if the circumstances are right, but they can also be associated with more detrimental effects on youngsters."



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State subsidy boosts private toll road

Transport Correspondent

BRITAIN's first private toll road will benefit from a £20m subsidy on a nearby link road despite promises that it would not cost taxpayers a penny.

The Birmingham Northern Relief Road (BNRR) will run for 27 miles and link the southern and northern ends of the M6. Its supporters say it will reduce congestion on the motorways around Birmingham, but environmentalists believe the BNRR will generate rather than reduce traffic.

The government subsidy for isting M42 near Water Orton to enable its use by BNRR traffic" was revealed in a parliamentary Labour MP Tony Wright

However, environmentalists claim that, while in opposition, Labour said the BNRR would

led people into believing this was an entirely privately funded project," said Gerald Kells, of Friends of the Earth. "Labour. who promised in opposition never to build the road, have this hidden subsidy."

Labour's own roads review document lists the BNRR as a "private" project, and the Highway Agency told a public inquiry that it fitted with Government policy of "harnessing private finance to bring forward badly needed infrastructure". Ministers gave the go-ahead

for the £370m BNRR last July. Campaigners suspect that John Prescott, the Secretary of State the reconstruction of the ex- for Transport, approved the road partly because of a penalty - said to be greater than £30m - that was payable to the private answer by the transport minis- consortium building the dual ter Glenda Jackson to the three-lane motorway if it was

The details of the commercial agreement could be revealed if a judge allows the concession to be made public



Catherine Southon of Sotheby's auctioneers, in London, examining spun glass eyes from a collection of 2,000 orbs which are to be included in a sale of scientific and medical instruments in October

Police face vitnes no action over death fasylum of asylum seeker

Crime Correspondent

TWO police officers will not be prosecuted over the unlawful killing of a Nigerian asylum seeker, the Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday following a fresh review of the case.

The decision not to charge anyone for the death of Shiji Lapite, 34, who died in north London in December 1994, was immediately condemned as "incomprehensible" by the lawyer representing the dead man's family.

The CPS was forced to reconsidered its original decision not to prosecute any police officers following a court challenge. But in a statement the CPS said yesterday that there was still insufficient evidence.

In January 1996, an inquest ruled that Mr Lapite was killed unlawfully after one constable admitted kicking him in the head

Mr Lapite was arrested in Stoke Newington on suspicion cocaine. After Mr Lapite was searched and no drugs were found he ran off. Officers any officers. caught up with him and a struggle began, with Mr Lapite being put in a neckhold.

Mr Lapite later collapsed in a police van and was driven straight to hospital, where he was pronounced dead from asphyxiation.

The inquest jury heard that one pathologist had counted 45 separate injuries on the dead man's body.

A statement by the CPS said yesterday: "After painstaking consideration the Chief Crown Prosecutor for Central Casework has decided there is O'Brien, 37, who died after insufficient evidence to prose- being arrested in Walworth. cute any police officer in con- south London, in April 1994. nection with the death of Mr Lapite.

to show that the actions of the Treadaway, a robbery suspect police officers, either singly or who claimed he was tortured by n concert, were a substantial cause of Mr Lapite's death, there is not a realistic prospect of decision-making by the CPS of conviction against any police in such cases has been set up.

officer for manslaughter." The statement also ruled out other charges relating to injuries sustained by Mr Lapite.

It added that five pathologists involved in the case were consulted again.

"None of them was able to state, without reservation, that compression of the neck was a substantial cause of Mr Lapite's death or that any other act of a police officer caused his death." the statement said

But Raju Bhatt, the solicitor for Mr Lapite's family, argued. There was no doubt in the iury's mind that this man had died as a result of an unlawful and dangerous neckhold.

"It's inconceivable that any fair examination could have come to any other conclusion than to prosecute."

It is thought that members of the Lapite family will ask for a judicial review of yesterday's decision. They could also attempt to privately prosecute the officers involved.

The Police Complaints of being in possession of crack Authority said it would now reconsider whether disciplinary action should be taken against The case of Mr Lapite was

one of three deaths in custody to be re-considered following a successful court challenges last July in which the CPS admitted making mistakes.

It led to the accusation that the Director of Public Prosecutions, Dame Barbara Mills, and her prosecutors were unwilling to take the police to

· Following the reviews three Metropolitan Police officers were charged in February with the manslaughter of Richard

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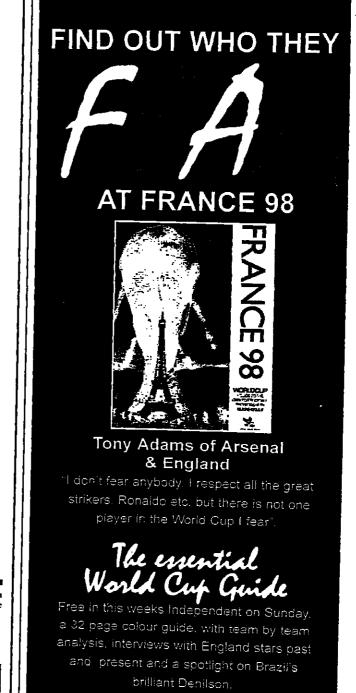
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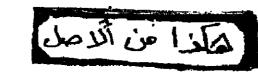


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^a Witnesses to Diana's death meet in Paris

By John Lichfield

FOR the first time since the accident which killed Diana, Princess of Wales, almost all of the event's living participants and witnesses will gather in one room today.

The judge leading the official investigation into the crash has called a "general confrontation" of witnesses and suspects - an event eerily reminiscent of the last chapter of an Agatha Christie novel. The only notable absentee will be the sole survivor of the crash, the bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, blood, as well as mind-calming who has declined to attend.

The participants, behind closed doors in a court-room in the Palais de Justice in Paris, will include Mohamed Al Fayed, father of Diana's companion, Dodi Al Fayed, who also died in the crash. They will also include the nine press photographers, and one press despatch rider, placed under formal examination for their role in the

When first announced two months ago, it seemed the "confrontation" - a common device in French judicial inquiries would mark the beginning of the end of the nine months' investigation. According to leaks from the inquiry, this may not now be the case.

Interminable technical investigations of the wreckage of the Mercedes are not yet complete; they many not be ready until October, 14 months after the accident. By bringing all the principal participants together - press photographers, police, a dozen eye-witnesses - Judge Hervé Stéphan hopes to close some of the gaping holes which persist in his re-creation of the events of the night of 30-31 August last year.

press motorbikes when the Mercedes carrying Diana's party crashed into the 13th pillar of the underpass? What was actually seen of the white Fiat Uno suspected of having been in a glancing collision with the Mercedes before the accident? How callously did the photographers behave in the minutes after the crash (at least three are known to have taken pictures of the dead and dying victims)

The hearing is not a trial: it will not point the finger of blame. It will force the witnesses and suspects to test their often conflicting accounts, one against the other, face to face. It will not consider the dozens of conspiracy theories about the crash, propagated, amongst others, by Mr Fayed, British tabloids, French scandal magazines, the Internet and Colonel Gaddafi.

Officially, no information seatbelt.

about the investigation can be revealed or published. But sources close to the inquiry have always insisted that they have discovered no scrap of evidence which suggests that the crash was anything but an accident.

Judicial sources in Paris declined to comment yesterday on the latest revelations by an ITV documentary, and in the Spectator magazine, about the driver of the Mercedes, Henri Paul. Both said that tests on Mr Paul's body after the crash revealed that he was driving with an abnormally high level of monoxide poisoning in his drugs and three times the legal limit of alcohol.

Despite the length and intensity of the investigation, it appears that Judge Stéphan is not





and Judge Hervé Stéphan, who leads the investigation

yet able to say precisely why the Mercedes limousine span out of control soon after midnight on Sunday 31 August. But the facts which have been established mean that a supreme act of will is necessary to sustain a sassination.

It would have been impossible for any would-be assassin or assassins (leaving aside all question of motive) to know the movements of Diana's party that night; their plans were constantly changing and the final route of the Mercedes was decided by Dodi and Mr Paul case, Diana would probably be alive today if she had worn her

The known facts of the night's events are these. The driver, Mr Paul, had taken nearly three times the permitted level of alcohol. He had also taken anti-depressant drugs. He was not qualified as a chauffeur and was not licensed to drive that type of car (an armoured

limousine). The only person in the Mercedes to fasten his seat-belt was the bodyguard, Mr Rees-Jones, the only survivor. The car was travelling at high speed just before the crash, probably at 90 to 100mph.

The route was chosen by Dodi and Mr Paul just before the car left the Ritz hotel. It was not the obvious route. The party was returning to Dodi's flat just off the Champs-Elysées, closer to the Ritz than the Place de L'Alma where the crash happened. A detour, along the fast roads beside the river Seine, was chosen by Dodi to try to shake off the paparazzi. Everyone knew that there were other photographers waiting outside the flat.

The facts which are not clear or disputed are as follows. How close were the pursuing bikes when the accident happened? The photographers say they had been left trailing far behind; some eyewitnesses agree; others say that at least one bike was close to the car.

Fragments found at the crash site suggest that the Mercedes may have given a glancing blow to a white Fiat Uno before it crashed. But what happened to the Fiat; both on the night and since?

Exhaustive efforts to trace the car have failed. This is surprising; even disturbing. But does it add up to a conspiracy? Who could possible have planned to ram the Mercedes at that place, at that time? With a Fiat Uno?

A recent survey showed an 11 per cent increase in road deaths in Paris last year. The survey showed that the most lethal time to drive in Paris is late on Sanurday night and in the early hours of Sunday morning.

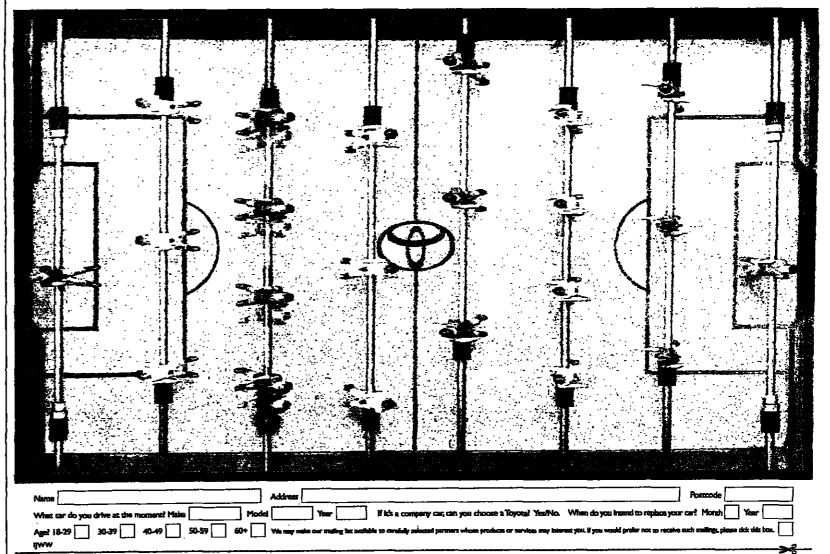
The most lethal places to drive are the Boulevard Périphérique and the fast roads beside the quays of the Seine. theory of conspiracy, plot and The most common contributing causes for lethal accidents were drink, speed and failure to fas-

ten seat-belts. The accident in the tunnel below the Place de L'Alma was not a banal late Saturday night Parisian road crash; the identity of the victims and the presence of the pursuing press pack distinguish this crash from any minutes before the crash. In any other. Otherwise the night's events fit the classic profile of accidental death on the roads of the French capital.

Svetlana Kapanina, 29, the world champion aerobatic pilot, practising in her Sukhoi aircraft above Biggin Hill airfield in Kent for this weekend's

International Air Fair. The event will also mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Air Force

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Exiled orphans call for judicial inquiry

were deported to Australia without the knowledge of their parents, yesterday called for a judicial inquiry into their treatment by Roman Catholic orphanages.

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They claim that they suffered severe mental and physical abuse involving public floggings at the hands of nuns and brothers - and were treated as orphans although their parents were alive in Britain.

Giving evidence to the Commons health select committee, former child migrant John Hennessey broke down in tears as he recalled his childhood in the Christian Brothers orphanage in Perth, Australia.

Mr Hennessey, now 62, was 10 when he was deported. He said he has been frightened and felt inferior ever since.

"As we got to Perth, we all stood in a line and brothers and sisters were separated straight away. I will never forget their screams," he said.

Once, because he was hungry, he stole some grapes from a vineyard and, as punishment,

of 50 other children and suf- mother, half-brother and halffered a flogging which "nearly killed him".

At the age of 16, many migrants were sent to work on farms and told not to return to the orphanages.

"We had no identity, no birth certificate, nothing. In my years there I did not receive a single cuddle," Mr Hennessey added. The former child migrants

were unable to become Australian citizens because they had no birth certificate.

"They just lied to us about our backgrounds. We had no idea that we might have family in Britain. We believed them because they were priests and brothers and nobody would have ever thought that they

would lie to us. "It is absolutely scandalous what happened to us and while we do not blame this government should be a judicial inquiry to establish how this could happen."

FORMER child migrants, who he had to strip naked in front how he managed to trace his sister in 1995.

He said: "When my mother tried to trace me after the war they told her I was lost in evacnation and she accepted it - why wouldn't she believe nurs?"

Mr Dalton said he was in the Sisters of Nazareth orphanage in Swansea at the time and could easily have been found. "There was a blatant cover-up."

Earlier this year, the Sisters of Mercy orphanage in Neekol, northern Queensland, apologised after it emerged that hundreds of children, many of them from Britain, suffered torture and sexual abuse.

The order, which committed the cruelties over 90 years, is being investigated by the Queensland state government.

The child immigrant scheme, which was mainly organised by the Sisters of Merthis still happened to us - to cy and the Sisters of Nazareth British flesh and blood. There was a bid to bring "fresh, good white blood" to former colonies. Hundreds of children Matthew Dalton, 59, who were shipped to Australia for a was deported in 1947, told MPs "new start" until 1967.

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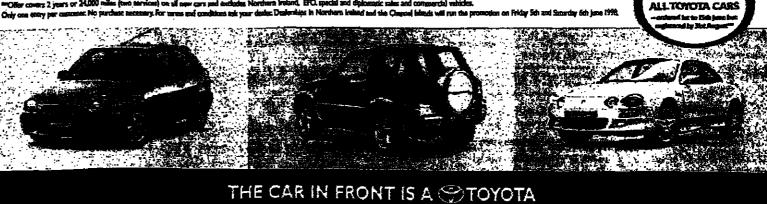
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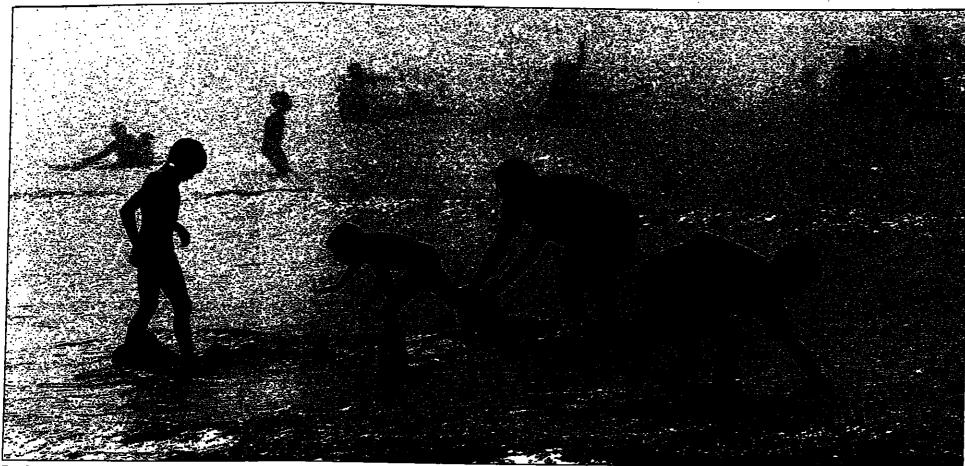


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Record number of beaches win right to fly Europe's blue flag



45 beaches in the UK to be honoured as among the cleanest and safest in Europe

By Michael McCarthy

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A total of 45 bathing beaches - 23 in England, 13 in Wales, seven in Northern Ireland and two in Scotland - can measure themselves against the cleanest Tidy Britain Group, UK organiser of the continent-wide award.

for meeting a series of manage ment objectives, including beach cleanliness, dog control, wheelchair access, provision of and safest in Europe, said the facilities and provision of lifesaving equipment.

To qualify, the beaches must

The blue flags are awarded also meet European Union compared with the other 18 and Ireland (with 74) surpass us,

The UK's total has been steadily improving since 1992, when only 17 beaches received blue flags; in 1996 the total was 31, and last year it was 38.

But to put it into perspective,

bathing water-quality standards. countries in the scheme, we are still only middle-ranking in terms of success, being far surpassed by Spain, with 369 blue flags, Italy with 342, Greece with

> 326 and France with 299. Even Denmark (with 185)

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although we are ahead of Sweden (37 blue flags), Cyprus (25) and Belgium (nine).

Six UK marinas also gained blue flags in the first year that the scheme has been open to them - three in England, two in

Ireland.

"These results confirm what es in Europe," said Professor Graham Ashworth, the Tidy encouraging boat owners to Britain Group's director general.

"This is excellent news for tourism in the UK. It is also exciting to see that the environwe have always known - that the mental lessons learned in the UK has some of the best beach- Blue Flag for beaches have now been taken on by marinas,

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Study to offer first full view of global warming

By Michael McCarthy Environment Correspondent

WILL global warming be good for Essex, one thing weighed against another? We may soon have a shrewd idea. For the full picture of what climate change may do to Britain is to be assembled in what the Government says is the first study of its ing in the world.

The pluses and the minuses of the greenhouse effect warmer days to sunbathe in, say, but drier soil that hinders crop growth - will be put together with all their various trade-offs so that local authorities, business leaders and other decision makers can plan strategically for the effects of climate change as it starts to impact upon us over

the next twenty to thirty years. The study is to be launched by the Environment Minister, Michael Meacher, and it is the integrated aspect of it which the

Government is stressing is new. Previous research into climate change impacts has been conducted sector by sector looking at the effects of rising temperatures on agriculture, for instance, or on health, or on the threat to low-lying coasts from sea-level rise which global warming will bring with it. But hitherto there have been no in- chosen to start the inquiry (the

Environment Minister, Michael Meacher

tegrated studies looking at how all these impacts may interact. Take Essex. Will global warming be good for its beaches and its tourism if that freezing North Sea gets a little by a full degree warmer than the warmer? Perhaps. But what if today, World Environment Day. much of that coastline disap-

pears because of sea-level rise? And what if malaria-bearing Extremely warm seasons and mosquitoes start to breed in the warm waters of the marshlands that have been created? What if the county's market

gardeners find they can no longer grow potatoes? Will they be able to grow alternative сторя, such as sunflowers?

Essex is likely to find out soon, because East Anglia is one of the two areas that have been

other being the North-West) and now all those possible effects, which have already been considered individually, will be assembled into a larger picture.

The study of the two initial regions is likely to last two to three years and will be carried out by scientists of the UK Climate Impacts Programme based at the Environmental Change Unit at Oxford, under Dr Merylin McKenzie Hedger.

Government scientists have already indicated, in a report two years ago, that climate change impacts in the UK are likely to be considerable.

For the decades of the 2020s to the 2050s, they said:

Average temperatures were likely to rise at a rate of about 0.2 degrees C, and will be nearaverage of 1961-1990 by the 2020s, and 1.6 degrees warmer by the 2050s;

years are expected to occur more frequently;

E Sea level is expected to rise

by five centimetres per decade. Harmful effects are likely to include an increase in insect species from the continent, a greater demand and lesser supply of water, a decrease in crop yields in the south and increased damage from more

Surgeons need their own league tables

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

SURGEONS have no way of knowing whether they are good or had at their job compared to others, because too little information is collected on the outcomes of surgery, a senior doctor said yesterday.

James Johnson, the chairman of the British Medical Association's consultants committee, said it was essential that information such as death rates, readmission and re-operation rates was collected to prevent a repeat of the Bristol heart surgery disaster, in which operations on babies were allowed to continue long after it had become clear that too many were dying.

Addressing the BMA's an-

cular surgeon at Halton General Hospital in Cheshire, said that he could calculate his own mortality rate, but had nothing with which to compare it.

"If I knew that 90 per cent of vascular surgeons in the UK had mortality rates of between 3 and 8 per cent, say, I would be able to see how I was perform-

ing compared with my peers." He said that doctors with poor results could then take action to improve their performance and, where their results were unacceptable, they could be stopped from operating. But in most areas there is no information and no opportunity to compare results.

Patients find it astonishing that we don't have that data. We have got to get it. But that will nual conference of consultants, Mr Johnson, a consultant vas-

However, Mr Johnson warned against ranking individual surgeons in league tables of death rates, as is done in the United States.

He said that this could cause them to refuse to operate on risky cases because it might affect their ranking. Instead, an acceptable range should be established and any surgeon who fell within it should be certified: this would indicate that patients could have confidence in

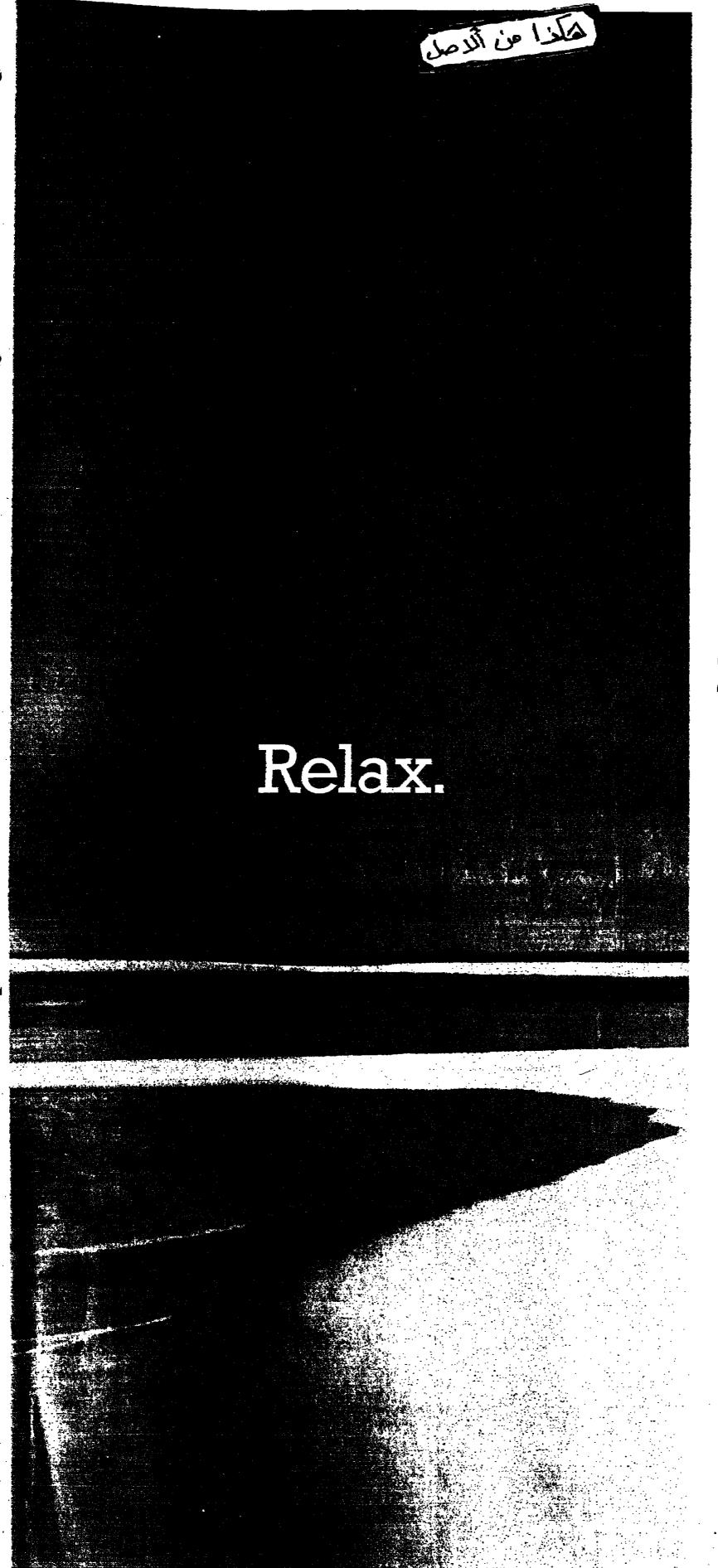
"I am a vascular surgeon, If there was pressure on me to improve my ranking in a league table I could refuse surgery to anyone over 75. It already happens in the US. If a patient looks a bit dodgy they have to go out of state [to find a surgeon] because no one wants to operate and risk their place in the league."



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TV agony aunt takes on macho Brazil

By Phil Davison Latin America Correspondent

SHE was Brazil's equivalent to the American agony aunt Dr Ruth, shattering taboos with a daily television show which answered the questions of millions of women, many of them illiterate, about sex. Then she went into politics, forming the feminist "Lipstick Lobby" to challenge Brazil's longstanding male dominance of public life.

Even at 53, Marta Suplicy has trouble casting off the sex symbol image which was imposed on her by the many Brazilian men who used to tune into her show. But she has been instrumental in changing the lives of millions of Brazil-

The former sexologist is now a member of parliament for the left-wing Workers' Party, which has been down on its luck during recent years but is attempting a comeback with the help of women candidates. Soon she is likely to run for governor of the nation's most powerful state. Sao Paulo. She may have little chance of winning but she is bound to strike further blows against Brazil's traditional machismo during her campaign.

Ms Suplicy predicts that Brazil will have its first woman president within the next eight years. Given her party's humble recent fortunes, she is too realistic to say it will be her. But if she is right, it will be in no small part due to her efforts.

Photograph: Ricardo Stuckert

Marta Suplicy in action. The Workers' Party MP is running for governorship of Sao Paulo, Brazil's most powerful state

She comes from one of Sao the Catholic establishment and was billed as "a loose woman" Paulo's high-society families and, as a fashion trendsetter by discussing such things as known for her French designer anal sex, put her into the homes suits, she at first seemed an odd of many of the 80 million or choice to represent the downmore women in Brazil, who make up 52 per cent of the poptrodden in a country with possibly the biggest gap between ulation. And that meant votes.

But her daily television

rich and poor in the world.

stitutional right to prohibit their islators from all parties, passed wives from going out to work. the Bill two years ago. That clause was scrapped only

After being elected to parliament, Ms Suplicy pushed the so-called "quota law", requiring political parties to make at least When she started her teleone in five of their candidates vision programme in the early a woman. Her "Lipstick Lobby",

"Unfortunately, both men and women always saw politics as a male domain," congresswoman Sandra Starling said at the time. "We hope this Quota Law will change that mentality. We hope it will spark a cultural revolution." Ms Suplicy hopes to amend the law this year

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for every two males. To press her point, Ms Suplicy issued a handbook entitled Women Without Fear Of Power. Our Time Has Come. However, there are still only half a dozen women senators out of a total 81 and only 34 female MPs out

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America becomes fatter overnight

vide has become less black and white here," said a diplomat in awoke yesterday to a rude the capital, Brasilia. "Ms Suplicy is to a large extent the symsurprise. Having thought of themselves as comfortably average in size and weight While her present power they suddenly found they base is restricted to the city and were about to be re-desigstate of Sao Paulo, Ms Suplicy's nated as "obese". This starfeminist policies - including tling turn in their fortunes free choice on abortion - are increasingly finding an echo elseresulted from a government proposal to define obesity where, mainly in Rio de Janeiro downwards, writes Mary Deand other cities. But she will have to make her mark among jevsky in Washington. the poor and often illiterate inhabitants of Brazil's countryside

rique Cardoso in presidential elections in October. Despite his "neo-liberal" capitalist economic policy, Mr Cardoso, 66, is expected to win

Ms Suplicy and her party claim Mr Cardoso's economic policies are widening the richpoor divide. Brazil has been rocked in recent weeks by clashes involving farmers who are suffering serious famine as a result of drought. Accusing the authorities of doing nothing to help them, farmers have been looting shops for basic foods. Both Ms Suplicy's party and the Catholic church have condoned the looting, saying the farmers are stary ing and have no other choice.

age, Ms Suplicy's feminism has

boosted the fortunes of the

Workers' Party, long associated with bearded leader Luiz Ina-cio Lula da Silva. "Just as in the

US and Britain, the political di-

bol of Brazil's New Left."

if her party is seriously to challenge President Fernando Hen-

The official neight-weight scale, which produces the "body mass" index that is used to define obesity, is being revised. In future, someone who stands 5 foot 9 inches tall, for instance, would be considered obese if he or she weighed in at 169 pounds or more, 13 pounds less than at present.

The new index would clasify 97 million adults, more than half the adult population of the US, as obese. The revision reflects concern in American health circlesabout the increasing incidence of obesity and associated diseases such as diabetes and cardiac ailments, and is said - by some of the scientists involved - to be intended to give people a "nudge"

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French pilots poised to call off strike

By John Lichfield

STRIKING French pilots seemed last night to be ready to abandon a three days' old strike which has threatened to disrupt iong-distance travel to the World Cup next week. As negotiations resumed, it

emerged that the main pilots' union had voted to accept the broad outline of concessions offered by Air France and the French government. Many of the details remained undecided, and the views of smaller pilots' ike by today.

A flurry of embarrassing but less significant industrial actions continues. A nationwide strike by ticket inspectors will disrupt train services today but a strike by a minority of train

drivers on the first day of the gradually restored. The gov-World Cup next Wednesday is

The pilots' strike, which has grounded up to 90 per cent of Air France flights worldwide this week, has been a source of deep mortification to the government. France had hoped that the World Cup would present an image of a welcoming, modem and capable nation.

Examination of the smallprint is likely to reveal that the pilots got the best of the argument. Air France bad asked the pilots, who earn an average unions were unclear, but all the annual salary of £75,000, to ac- act for the wiretapping files. Mr signs pointed to an agreement cept a 15 per cent pay cut over Mitterrand died in 1996, seven intee years, in tet in the company.

On Tuesday, Air France suggested that the pay cut could be "temporary": in other words the and then have their pay levels anti-terrorism unit.

ernment is expected to make up expected to have little impact. the rest of the savings, possibly by offering concessions on state employment contributions. At first the pilots rejected this proposal but the largest union decided vesterday morning to accept it in principle as part of a wider settlement.

Prime Minister Lionel Jospin said yesterday he would open the files on illegal wiretaps carried out during Francois Mitterrand's presidency, Reuters reports. Mr Jospin said he would waive the official secrets months after leaving office. The files contain information on journalists, lawyers and politicians whose telephone conversations were monitored from pilots could take the shares 1982 to 1986 by Mitterrand's

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Hope of finding more train crash survivors fades

By Imre Karacs in Eschede

THE small street running past the bungalows and lush gardens of Eschede rises towards the bridge and then it is no more. The flyover that stood there two days ago, linking this neighbourhood with the bigger houses across the tracks is gone. The road ends mid-air.

Below the bridge panels, now resting on the rails, two carriages lie crushed, windows broken, their undercarriages twisted. Rescue workers struggling against the clock managed to free one of the wagons yesterday, but found only more corpses, bringing the toll ever closer to the estimated 100.

From the precipice at the edge of the former flyover, more carriages lie at all sorts of strange angles. Some seem almost intact, others are mangled and sliced into slivers of red and white tin. One wagon rests on the verge, hurled towards the street by the force of the collision.

The site has been sealed off by police. Eschede gives the impression of being under siege. Ambulances race away towards the nearby towns, the roads tremble under the weight of the armour-plated vehicles of bor- Helmut Kohl, who cut short an der troops brought in to help with the task of digging the train out of its concrete sarcophagus.

Under floodlights, crews were taking turns to lift large blocks of rubble with the aid of two large cranes and chains. Fears that a group of schoolchildren lay trapped in the restaurant car proved unfounded, but hope for any survivors has evaporated.

set up to investigate the acci- years, was very old. In other ar-

dent, German railways denied eas, new track has been createarlier suggestions that one of ed for the newest express trains. its own road vehicles might have caused the tragedy. Attention was shifting last night to a damaged section of the track six kilometres (four miles) from

Eschede. Although officials refused to speculate, they did not deny the possibility that one of the carriages might have gone off the rails at this point. According to this scenario,

that the inquiry is being con-

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the carriage was dragged along with one side slightly protruding, and crashed into the pillars supporting the bridge.

Two workers who had been doing signal maintenance on an adjacent track were missing, presumed dead. Their car was crushed beneath the debris though it was unclear whether it had been parked along the tracks or on the overpass.

Relatives of many victims were still waiting for confirmation yesterday, because some of the bodies had been damaged beyond recognition. Psychologists and special counsellors were brought in to help the victims' relatives and rescue workers unable to cope with the horror of their grisly discoveries.

Flags flew at half-mast across Germany, as Chancellor official trip to Italy, visited the scene yesterday afternoon. He pledged DM1m government aid, matching the contributions promised by the regional government in Lower Saxony.

The town of Eschede was in shock. Only last year, it organised grand celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of its railway station a reminder that the track itself. As a special commission was though upgraded in recent



Rescue workers working under floodlights - use a crane to lift one of the derailed carriages early yesterday as they continued their search for victims buried under the wreckage of Wednesday's crash, at Eschede in northern Germany, which left at least 100 people dead Photograph: Jan Bauer/AP

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Kosovo talks collapse as Serbs torch villages

AS TENSIONS mounted further in Kosovo, leaders of the province's ethnic Albanian majority last night pulled out of scheduled talks with Serbian authorities, and a senior European foreign minister urged direct Nato intervention to restore stability in the region.

The talks had been due today, but representatives of the ethnic Albanians said that they had been rendered pointless by the latest massive Serb offensive, which had taken scores of lives, reduced entire villages to rubble and made up to 50,000 people homeless.

Simultaneously, pressure intensified for stronger action from the West to halt the fighting. Speaking at a regional summit in the Ukrainian resort of Yalta, the Albanian Foreign Minister, Paskal Milo, said the province was "on the eve of open war", while his German opposite number, Klaus Kinkel, demanded immediate measures to prevent a flood of refugees into the European Union.

"Nato will be there to intervene this time if necessary," Mr Kinkel said at an EU meeting in Palermo. He vowed there would be no repeat of the inaction

which allowed the Bosnian war to drag on for three years.

Almost certainly, the contact group of leading Western powers will meet in the next few days, and at the very least reimpose the economic sanctions on Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic that were briefly suspended after he agreed to enter the talks. It may also accelerate and expand Nato's plans to impose a cordon sanitaire around Kosovo.

Albania, already Europe's poorest country, has appealed for extra foreign aid to help with the 12,000 refugees from Kosovo it is housing, not to mention the thousands more seeking to join them. Officials in Tirana also warn of "hot pursuit" raids by the Serbs into Albania proper, a first step towards a feared internationalisation of the crisis.

Since February, more than 250 people have died in the fighting, including 20 Serbian police killed by guerrillas of the Kosovo Liberation Army, whose campaign for full independence has radicalised the conflict, and eroded the influence of ethnic Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova, who opposes the use of violence.

Thanks however to Mr Milosevic, violence is engulfing the region, and Mr Rugova's room for manoeuvre is shrinking daily.

Botha claims bias

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu yesterday denied his Truth and Reconciliation Commission was biased. Argument about the morality of apartheid raged at the trial of former president PW Botha, 82, who is charged with contempt for refusing to testify at the commission over claims that his government endorsed human rights violations. Botha's lawyers sought to prove that the probe was not even-handed. — Reuters, George

Viagra could save rhinos

THE new potency pill Viagra could help save Africa's endangered rhino, a South African conservationist said yesterday. "Viagra is supposed to aid one's sex life," said David Newton of Traffic, which monitors trade in wild animals. "Maybe now this will take over and reduce the myth that the rhino horn is an aphrodisiac." —Reuters, Cape Town

Lesbian sentenced to death

A UKRAINIAN woman was sentenced to death after killing a man who flirted with her and two other people who allegedly teased her for being a lesbian.

June 5th is World Environment Day, and we can all do our bit to help. By using the bus or train, for example, you can improve

the quality of our air so that children like Leon breathe a little easier. For more ideas on how to cut pollution and fight global warming call 0345 86 86 86.

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India and **Pakistan** told to halt arms race

By Rupert Cornwell

THE "Big Five" nuclear powers last night mounted a concerted effort to halt the south Asian arms race. and persuade India and Pakistan to sign international treaties banning nuclear tests and preventing the spread of nuclear weapons.

At a hastily arranged meeting at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, the foreign ministers of Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States - the five permanent members of the UN Security Council who are also the "official" nuclear states - called on Delhi and Islamabad to hold off from further tests and commit themselves to ending production of the fissile material required for nuclear weapons.

After the initial muddled reimposing sanctions and most of its sumptions to be re-examined. allies refusing to follow suit, the show how the world's nearest thing to a "directorate" of dominant powers is retaking the initiative in the proliferation issue.

shared fear that the Indian and Pakistani tests could encourage othor states to go nuclear, belies wide differences among the Five on how to proceed, now that sanctions, and the threat of sanctions, have been proved useless as a deterrent.

"This will not be a punitive meeting." British officials said, thus endorsing the argument of the Russian foreign minister, Yevgeny Primakov, that punishing India and Pakistan will only make them less inclined to go along with the wishes of the international community.

But the Americans are adamant

that the two must not be rewarded for their tests by being given some form of enhanced nuclear status, and least of all by being reclassified as fully-fledged nuclear states alongside the P-5 countries under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). cornerstone since 1970 of international efforts to keep such weapons in as few hands as possible.

Any step in that direction, Washington warns, would simply encourage other countries, including some in flashpoint regions like the Middle East, to try and join the club and thus render the NPT a dead letter.

But for all the new tension they have generated, and whatever the undeniable risk of further proliferation, last month's tit-for-tat tests, five by India and six by Pakistan, have at least shaken up the global nuclear desponse to India's tests, with the US bate, and forced some of its basic as-

At a minimum it will give the US Geneva session was designed to and Russia cause to speed up negotiations on further cuts in their arsenals, accounting for over 90 per cent of all nuclear weapons, and which provide India its main argu-But the display of unity, and the ment in refusing to join the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, signed by 149 countries. Why should we renounce nuclear weapons, Delhi asks, when other countries insist on keeping theirs?

Washington and Moscow signed the Start II treaty in the early 1990s. But the Duma has failed to ratify it, and until this happens the US says it will not embark on the far more ambitious Start III talks on which both sides are agreed in principle. And before these negotiations reach fruition, Britain and France refuse to contemplate getting rid of their



An Italian fisherman throwing his knife at Greenpeace demonstrators yesterday off the coast of Sardinia. The environmental activists were protesting against driftnet fishing and had disabled an Italian boat's nets

Euro club shows Brown the door

By Katherine Butler in Luxembourg

GORDON BROWN, the Chancellor, subjected himself to formal humiliation last night as ministers from the 11 euro-zone countries gathered at a chateau in Luxembourg for the inaugural meeting of their single currency inner circle, Euro-XI.

As representative of Britain's they said. European Union presidency Mr Brown was insisting on his right to attend the opening formalities at Senningen Castle, but was told he would have to leave the room almost immediately. He was not allowed to at-

which will co-ordinate economic policy in the euro-area.

Senior officials of the euro-zone countries expressed amazement at his decision to muscle in on the informal meeting in the light of Britain's decision to opt out of the single currency. It merely highlighted Britain's political marginalisation,

"He is a gatecrasher," said a Bonn source, "he is bringing himself down to a level even ambassadors would not accept." Another senior EU diplomat described British strategy as "naive" and said it reflected tend a dinner that followed the first the difficulty London has in under-

meeting of the new G8-style body standing that Britain will not be at the 11 participating ministers alone the heart of things.

Mr Brown will be back in the chair this morning when all 15 finance ministers hold one of their routine monthly meetings, also in Luxem-

Tony Blair battled tooth and nail last year to prevent the establishment of Euro-XI without Britain. At a in December he claimed that he had managed to reduce the status of the new group to an informal dining circle and that Britain would be automatically present for any meaningful discussions.

But other governments insist that

will decide what constitutes a matter of "common interest" when the meetings will be opened up to the four "outs", Britain Denmark

Greece and Sweden. Last night's first meeting was organised during the British EU presidency in what some officials believe was an attempt by the French to score summit of EU heads of government a political point by demonstrating the practical consequences of Britain's Emu opt-out. Mr Brown was replaced in the chair after a few minutes by Rudolph Edlinger, the Austrian finance minister whose government succeeds Britain in the EU chair next month.

bulgaria's exiled king scores a palace coup.

By Marcus Tanner

IN AN extraordinary ruling - that will have Europe's other ex-royals salivating with envy - Bulgaria's High Court yesterday handed back to the exiled heir to the throne all the former dynasty's property.

Simeon II, who was 10 when the Communists seized the royal estates in 1947 and has spent most of his adult life as a businessman in Spain. was transformed at the stroke of a judge's pen to one of Europe's greatest landowners and the proud possessor of palaces at Vranya, near the capital Sofia, and Czarska (Emperor's) Bistritsa, in the Rila mountains, 50 miles south of Sofia

Also thrown in are three hunting lodges in the hills and two humble farm houses near the city of Ploydiv,

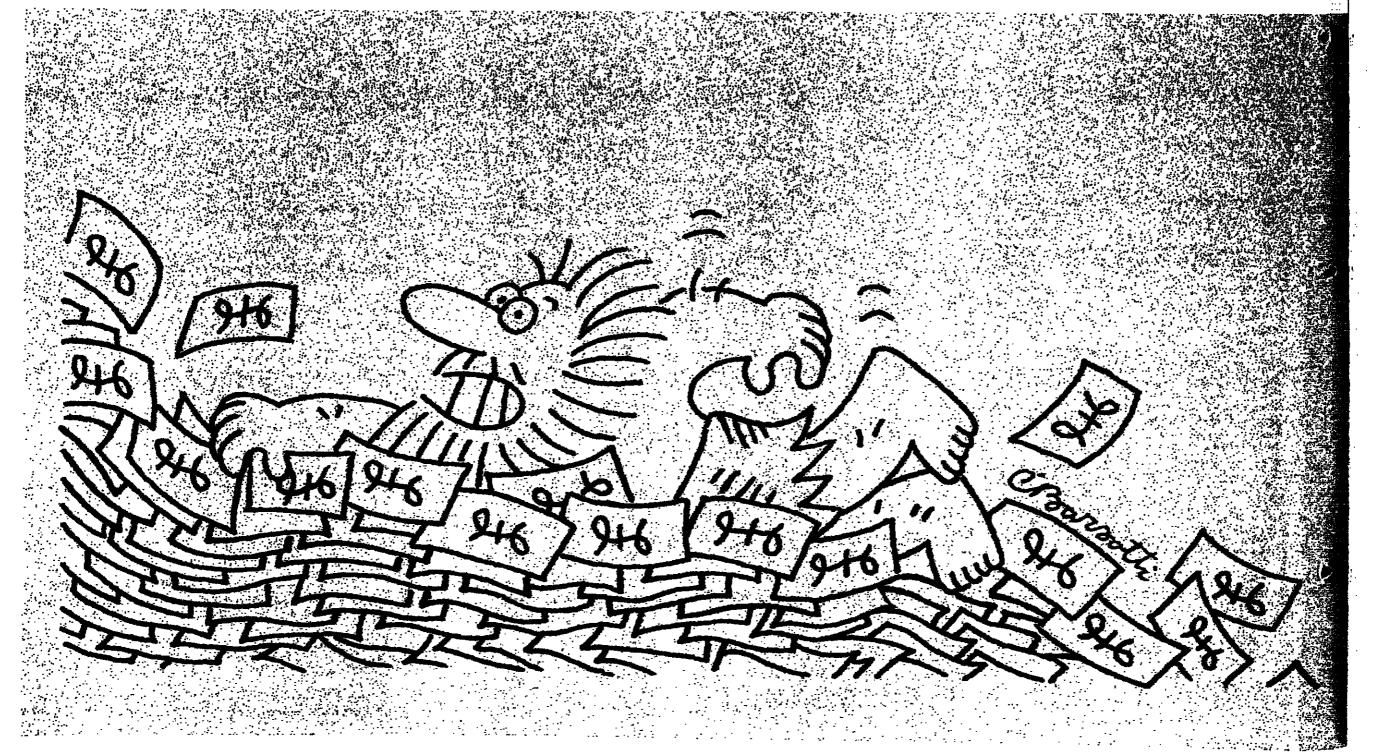
It is an astonishing turn of fortune for the Bulgarian branch of the Coburg family and one not repeated in any other former people's republics in Eastern Europe, none of which has returned to their former royals significant amounts of their

former estates. The Bulgarian royals had an eccentric reputation - a good thing, perhaps, in the Balkans. The first Bulgarian Coburg, "Foxy" Ferdinand, who abdicated after the First World War, often embarrassed his fellow royals with his bizarrely feminine manner and dress sense.

But he was a great diplomat and was famous, too, for his unrivalled collection of rare butterflies. His son, Boris, Simeon's late father, is still remembered by some for his love of driving steam trains.

Simeon himself reigned briefly in Sofia before the Communists forced him out in 1946. But absence - clearly - has only made the heart grow fonder.

For while most Romanians, Serbs and Russians seem to have put the monarchy well behind them, Simeon won a tumultuous ovation from the crowds during two brief returns to his homeland in 1996 and



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Pilgrims follow Rasputin's steps

By Phil Reeves

A PEGRIMAGE is under way in Russia that, if successfully completed, will far outshine even the feats of the foot-slogging Rasputin, the self-styled holy man who mesmerised the court of the last tsar, Historians have questioned boasts made by the bedraggled Siberian peasant that he once saw an apparition of the Virgin Mary which inspired him to go on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. But he does seem to have trekked around Russia, joining

the legion of clerics, self-proclaimed prophets and assorted cranks who wandered the length and breadth of the country dispensing their wisdom and living off the charity of others.

Now - a century on he is about to be outclassed. A small party of Cassian Orthodox pilgrims has set off from Vladivostok on the Sea of Japan to walk 6,300 miles across Siberia and the Urals to Moscow in European Russia.

Although some intend to use public transport for parts of the journey, others plan to

walk the whole way. Carrying icons for the entire route, they expect to cover just under 20 miles a day, arriving in Moscow a week after the turn of the millennium - on 7 January 2000.

thodoxy's Christmas Day.

Like the wandering clerics of the past, they plan to baptise people, recruit converts and conduct weddings in the towns and villages along their path. The journey will take them across seven time zones and an unforgiving, empty landscape in which winter temperatures can plunge to -45 degrees and are constantly well below freezing. "This is to remind people that they are Russian," one

of the party, Mikhail Alexandrov, 41, told the Vladivostok News as they set out. "It's to return to our base, the only base of the Russian people: the Orthodox faith. It is the only belief that can strengthen our motherland and restore our people."

In contrast to the Soviet era when the Church was restricted Nicholas 11, and his wife Alexandra. and, at times, severely repressed the pilgrims were waved off cheerfully by the regional governor, a Kremlin representative, and the local head of the security services.

The concept of the pilgrim - or "palomnik" - and his long, painful, penitential treks into a hostile wilderness is deeply embedded in the Russian Orthodox tradition, and



The pilgrims setting off from Vladivostok will walk 6,300 miles and cross seven time zones

pre-dates the founding of the church in Kiev in the 10th century. By the 15th and 16th century, perpetual wandering had become a form of Christian asceticism, as had its opposite - pillar-like immobility (one particularly zealous character, Ilya of Murom, allegedly remained sitting, immobile, for 30 years).

"There have always been in Russia people called "strannik" who spent their life travelling from one monastery to another, praying and even making prophesies," said Yuri Minulin, president of the Orthodox Pilgrimage Centre in Moscow.

Ivan the Terrible made frequent every step.

pilgrimages to Russia's long chain of monastic shrines. Nor was he the only tsar to do so: Nicholas 11 and his wife Alexandra went on trips to monasteries to pray - to no avail, as it turned out. Some Russians went further afield: by the 19th century, well-off believers were travelling to the Holy Land in significant numbers, a practice that has since revived.

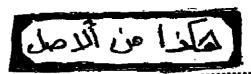
In the last few years, advertisements - unimaginable under Communism - have begun appearing in the press and churches offering pilgrimages to religious sites in France, Israel and elsewhere.

The Vladivostok-Moscow trek coincides with another, darker, reminder that the distinction between

past and present in the Orthodox Church is barely visible. Reports surfaced this week of a conflict between clerics, centring on allegations that the conservative churchman, Bishop Nikon of Yekaterinburg, has ordered that "heretical books" be confiscated from theological students at an ecclesiastical school and publicly burned.

Meanwhile, even Rasputin's claim to have had a divine apparition has been matched. One of those joining the

pilgrimage to Moscow was Igor Chernozatonsky, head of a pyramid investment scheme which crashed last year, bilking 55,000 investors in the Far East. When his fund fell apart, he disappeared. This week he suddenly resurfaced among the monks and other pilgrims on the road, claiming that the Virgin Mary had instructed him to walk to Moscow. "This is God's punishment for my sins," he told reporters as he trudged solemnly along, icon in hand, increasing the distance between him and his creditors with





A PRO-DEMOCRACY supporter and his son taking part in a

In the first such ceremony under Chinese rule, tens of thouninth anniversary of the Tianan- gathered in Victoria Park to sovereignty last July, those who

the massacre. Even though portant to remember those Peking has kept a light rein on Hong Kong yesterday, on the sands of Hong Kong residents Hong Kong since reassuming their own rights do not erode.

who died, and to ensure that

Fight to clear Stalin's butcher

RUSSIA's legal system yesterday found itself facing a dilemma: should it rehabilitate a man who was executed on wholly bogus charges, even though he was himself one of the authors of the campaign of terror that destroyed him?

The person in question is one of Stalin's henchmen, Nikolai Yezhov, who as head of the NKVD secret police between 1936-38, presided over purges - killings and imprisonment - on a scale unprecedented in Russ-

The case, before the Military Board of Russia's Supreme Court, was brought at the request of a woman claiming to be Yezhov's adopted daughter, Natalya. Under the law, any Russian can apply to the court for the rehabilitation of victims

of Stalin's mass repression. She has been seeking his rehabilitation on the token charges for which he was executed; high treason, spying for foreign powers - including Britain - and the murder of his wife, who was poisoned two years before his death. He was shot in 1940. and replaced by the even more have more pressing matters to wor-

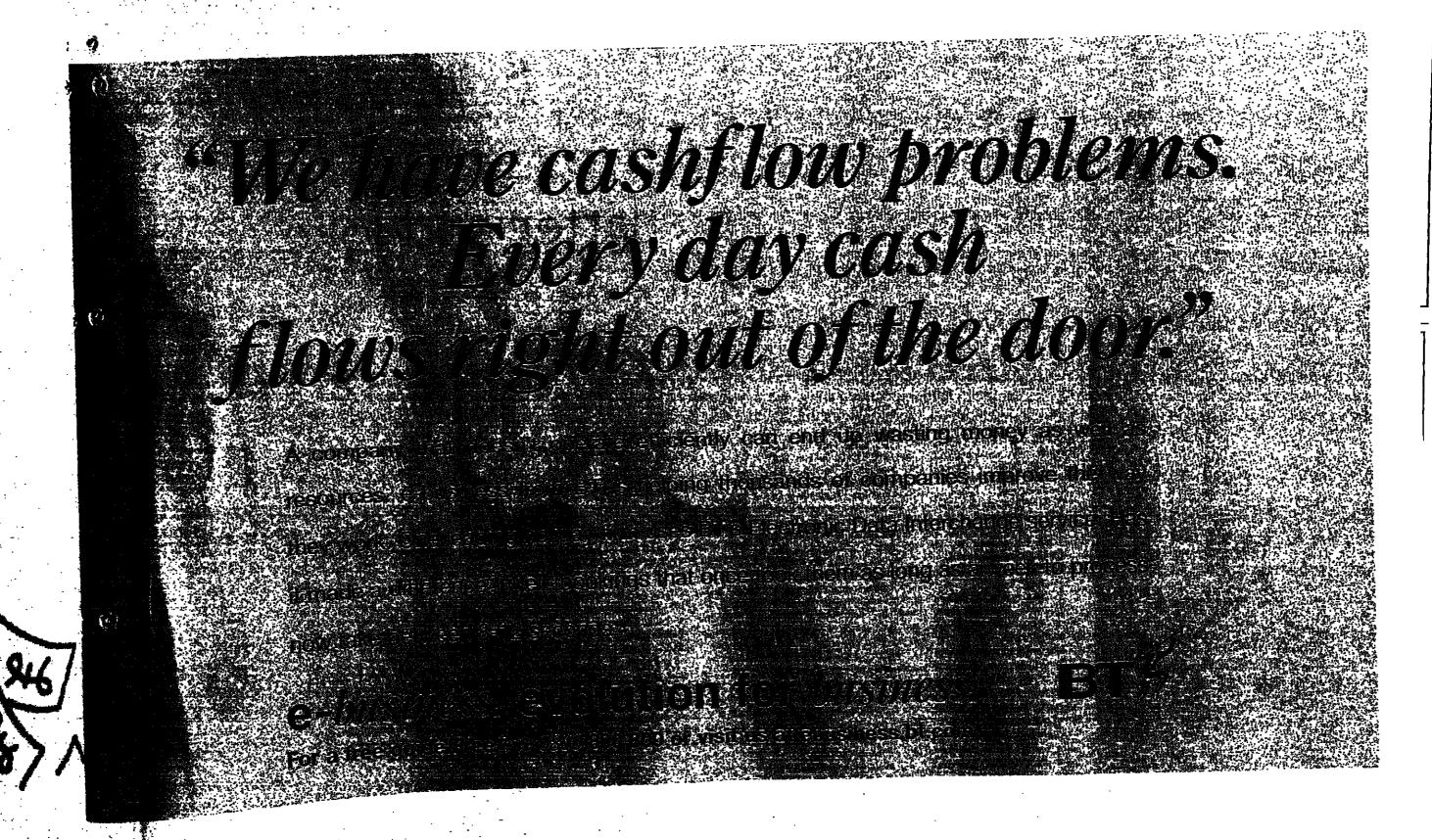
feared Lavrenty Beria (who was also later shot).

The charges will have had a familiar ring to Yezhov, as they frequently appeared on the lists of thousands of names which Stalin sent to him, with instructions that they should be killed. Yezhov had a team of several hundred NKVD killers who carried out the slaughter. Citing espionage charges, Yezhov purged almost all of the NKVD, most of whom was shot in the head after a perfunctory trial.

Russia's courts, one might argue,

ry about, including corruption, chaos in the legal system, official crime and millions of unpaid workers. But the case has raised a difficult point of principle, articulated by Sergei Kovalyov, Russia's leading human rights activist. He has argued that all executed Stalin-era secret police bosses - no matter how terrible - should be acquitted of the charges brought against them because they were fake and nonsense".

The court took a different view yesterday. It refused to review Yezhov's case, arguing that he was "not fit for rehabilitation".



You are what you spend



What does your money mean to you - do you splash it or save it? Therapist Dorothy Rowe says personality can be a key to financial fortunes. By Andrew G Marshall

earned and our concerns were about getting a pay rise," says Dorothy Rowe, one of Britain's foremost self-help authors back to this time. "My father would impress and psychologists.

When I was working in the Fifties and was due and concentrated on that. Now we money was valueless - you can't eat it. have a much broader focus and more anxiety. It is difficult to find out what is happening and the implications."

We might be richer, but we are more With no shortage of financial experts anxious to help us invest or explain the latest money can vanish." economic theory, we have reached information overload.

papers, including the tabloids, started ter judgement of the former. carrying financial sections. Money used to the chancellor of the exchequer and people who understood about those sorts of

Going abroad for our holidays has meant that ordinary people have had to pay attention to the strength of the pound while the Thatcher government talked all the time about money."

The result is that we are bombarded with figures but have little understanding of our emotional relationship with money. So the time is ripe for Ms Rowe's eleventh

'Politicians, in general, are the last people to trust with money because they have no self-awareness whatsoever'

book, The Real Meaning of Money.

As any therapist will tell you, the starting point of all voyages of self-discovery is the past. Rowe herself was born during the depression in an Australian coal and steel area, inappropriately called Happy Valley.

"MONEY has moved centre-stage in our was a hoarder who tried to make certain lives, beforehand it was just something we that nothing was wasted. Special things had to be hidden and kept for special times." Rowe's own personal conflicts stretch

on me that money could disappear and it was nothing you could rely on. He would Sixties, we always knew when the next rise explain that there were situations where

"In my marriage, money certainly disappeared very quickly, my husband did not look after it at all. Even though for the past 10 years I haven't had to think about confused about money than ever before. money, in terms of getting from one payday to the next, I still have this idea that

Money will always be misunderstood because we use it in two very different ways: "It was only during the Eighties that to maintain physical survival and maintain people started thinking of money in a our sense of identity. Unfortunately our broader context and all national news-need to feed the later can override our bet-

It is difficult to unhook the real nebe something you left to the bank manager, cessities from what we just consider are necessities," says Rowe. "Our incomes have steadily increased, but our absolute needs have increased much quicker. I like to eat the very best parmesan from the fromagerie up the street, rather than a packet of grated from the supermarket - it is a difference I just cannot give up."

As a society we may find it easier to dis-

cuss personal matters more openly than our parents did, but money is still a very difficult topic, with friends happier to reveal their favourite sexual position than their bank balance. In a larger public arena it is even more difficult.

"It is easier to talk about money with somebody who is on the same earnings band as yourself. When there is a discrepancy, or could be, it becomes difficult because it raises issues of envy and pity. "Being pitied is horrible. It really diminishes you," she explains.

Talking to Ms Rowe, it becomes clear that only by understanding ourselves can we really understand money and what we are doing with it. "Sometimes people are fighting old battles and staving off disasters that are not real," she says. "Of neperson and had to look after myself; it is a very important part of who I am. Hopefully, when I'm older and need help, I will way of what is best for me."

If the key to making good decisions 'My father was a commercial traveller about money is knowing yourself, we for a food firm. Towards the end of the might need to think again about who we week we needed to see what Dad had in put in charge. "Although a lot of people his brown leather suitcase of samples for today have gone to quite a lot of trouble you are bound to end up in trouble." our dinner! It was very difficult for my par- to become self-aware - unfortunately would give money away, while my mother at who they are. I'm sure we could find the we view them. "What determines our



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puritanical Scottish upbringing.

"The ideas we overvalue are the ones we over-rationalise and defend to the death. pot understand." recognise that this desire could get in the Politicians, in general, are the last people to trust with money because they have no self-awareness whatsoever. In adversarial party line. What's worse, some of them even

The central theme running through all "My father was very generous and in particular, rationalise to avoid looking not control events, we can change the way life is about."

how we interpret these events. It is something that even well-educated people do society in general considers important. If

Her technique involves peeling back the layers of meaning until the essence of our existence is revealed. Ms Rowe calls this efpolitics, MPs are forced to lie to toe the fect laddering, each step is linked with the and you can only be happy in the present, question: why is it important to you that, lie to themselves and if you lie to yourself in this case, you are careful with money?

"If I look after money, I am more likely to achieve what I want," she replies. Why Gordon Brown is not one of them! Men. Ms Rowe's books is that although we can is it important to you to achieve? "It is what

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cessity, I've always been a very independent explanation for his tight fiscal policy in his behaviour is not what happens to us, but bottom line it is easier to prioritise spending and divide the essentials from what we are more honest about our attitudes to money, perhaps we will feel less anxious.

However there is one central problem. "Money relates to the past and the future, Ms Rowe believes. "Although you need to think about the consequence of your actions, the secret of a satisfying life is the ability to live in the moment."

'The Real Meaning of Money' is published

ARE YOU A FINANCIAL INTROVERT OR EXTROVERT?

1. In a financial crisis, would you find a solution where a) other people like you but won't respect you, or b) others won't like you but you will respect yourself?

2. If you had a small win on the lottery would you spend it by a) throwing a really good party and inviting all your friends, or b) taking a course which would significantly advance your ca-

3. When out shopping do you a) enjoy spending and treasure beautiful things, or b) make practical purchases and have a theories about what do with your money?

MOSTLY A

You are a financial extrovert. Enjoying your money today, you are not keen on putting something by for retirement. Extroverts have beautiful posses sions like silverware, which introverts think are waste of money, needing too much cleaning – unless they hope to impress their boss! While many extroverts like to achieve, their top priority is to create and maintain relationships. They would rather be active than sit around introspecting. Famous financial extroverts include Nick Leeson (who always looked after his friends) and Ronald Reagan (who always wanted to be liked).

MOSTLY B

You are a financial introvert. Your top priority is having a sense of achievement, individual development, organisation and control. You are good at introspection but not necessarily good at understanding yourself; many male introverts would rather concentrate on theories about the perfect football team. You have a

well-funded pension but life can sometimes seem one long grind. By planning the next rung up the ladder of success, you can fail to enjoy today's achievements. Famous financial introverts include Margaret Thatcher.

SECRETS OF SUCCESS

Extroverts and introverts screw themselves up in equal numbers, so there is no advantage in being one or the other. However, by learning to develop the other side of your personality you can have a better relationship with money. A good business or romantic partnership is one of opposites - where an in trovert and an extrovert appreciates the other's top priority and abilities just think of Maggie and Ron. An introvert will create the grand plan while the extrovert maintains good relation-

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'All I want is to chatter and joke again

Cancer robbed broadcaster John Diamond of his most precious asset - his voice. He tells of his battle to be heard

IF YOU are, like me, a child of the discovery age, you will remember normal childhood lessons being punctuated by those grainy educational films put out by the Federation of Aluminium Smelters or the Society of Tin Extractors or whatever, showing us how important was their exciting product to our humdrum lives.

Invariably, there would be a scene where the zinc or the nickel is suddenly removed from the schlemiel of a central character's world, affecting him in ways he would never have guessed, as the chair he is sitting on falls apart for lack of screws and the car he is driving suddenly loses its steering wheel.

Which may sound an unlikely simile for the way I feel at the moment, but it is, I promise you, an accurate one. I am without my voice, and

while I could have guessed at some of the effects the loss might have produced, my real concern is with the effects that have come as a surprise. When I say I'm without my voice I don't mean that I'm without any voice at all, simply that the one I have isn't mine.

It isn't anybody's much, nor even much of a voice at all. It is the lumpy and asymmetrical remnant of a voice that once was, a fragment around which I'm trying to build a new voice. A year ago, more or less,

I had about a third of my

tongue removed. It was the

cancerous third, the third whose cells and cell-building apparatus had been corrupted by years of being kippered by

When we talk of our tongues we refer to the prehensile flap of pink muscle and taste-bud which extends from the back of our throat to the front of our mouth and, when we feel the need, beyond.

It's the bit which shovels food and water from the front of the mouth to the chute leading to the stomach, which undulates to give us the full vocal armoury of "t"s and "d"s and "k"s and "g"s. But the tongue is a damned great thing, its substructure anchored to the lower jaw and neck and it is from that muscly lump that a tumour the size of a golf ball vas excised last year.

Before the operation I was a talker, a gabbler, a reader-outloud of bed-time stories and a clubbable anecdotalist. I wasn't Oscar Wilde or Dorothy Parker, but I could do cut and thrust, intermediate badinage

and advanced repartee. Some of the time I did it for a living - I had radio shows with my name on them on Radio 4 and 5 Live and had done various television series over the years, as well as using my voice in my job as a question-asking print journalist. But mostly my voice was a recreational thing. And now? When they

carved the back out of my



John Diamond, who had to have a third of his tongue removed after it was found to be cancerous

tongue they closed the gap by dragging the whole of the front of it towards the back. Then they gave me six weeks of daily irradiation which left the remaining tissue red and painful.

My tongue can reach the teeth at the front, but go no further forward, and after six months or more of speech therapy, I have perhaps a quarter of an inch of movement up and down and side to side.

It means that while you form a "t" by flicking the tip of your tongue to the top-front of your mouth, I do it by moving my whole jaw. You make a "k" by rolling the back of your tongue so that it clicks against the roof of the mouth and I do it by raising my larynx to get an It is a cumbersome way of

forming sounds and one of my surprises was how lazy I'd become. Where once I would dash to fill gaps in the conversation with my words I am now a grunter and a nodder, a shrugger and a tutter.

It's not because I can't say the words or that I don't like the sound I make when I say them - although that's true enough - but simply that saying them is hard work.

Early on in all of this, for instance, my wife asked me a question to which the chatterer in my head answered with an emphatic "Oh - absolutely!". What came out was a meanmouthed "Yes". It means - who'd have

guessed? - that I have trouble getting a cab home in London. Like the tenth-floor-dwelling

the lift down but walks up 10 flights because he can reach the lower 'G' button but not the higher 10, I can cab it quite happily into the West End, but not back again. I live in the Goldhawk Road, a particular combination of sounds which I now find almost impossible.

There are other unguessables. I can't kiss, for instance. I'm

sure those muscles are still there, but I've forgotten how. It means my social air kisses are absolutely silent, which I can cope with, but that I can't properly kiss the children goodnight, which I find insufferable.

Nor can I tell jokes or crack gags. A bon mot needs space to work, but not too much. In conversation, I have the permanent sense of a diner spending hours trying to get the waiter's eye for the bill and then discovering every time that he's left his wallet at home.

I am in conversation; a crack comes to me, unbidden, and I start out of habit to launch it into the air. I make the opening grunt: the conversation continues. Eventually, there is space in between the others' words: I shoot my words out. They are slightly too late, and somebody didn't quite catch the last word.

(Some people understand me immediately and fully. others just can't.) They ask me to repeat it. I can't: it doesn't

dwarf in the riddle who takes bear repetition. It's a quick, jokey line, meaningless, useless unless you hear it the first time round. But they insist. Somebody else repeats it for me. Everyone smiles. I feel stupid. Next time I will know better. But I never do.

Things are getting better. I have a speech therapist who is wonderful and who sets me homework repeating unusable sentences. I usually skip the homework in the hope that the sentences I actually use will do the job of re-educating my stiff tongue just as well.

I am learning to speak more slowly, which helps, But -Which - Makes - Me - Feel -I'm - Giving - Dictation - To - Cretins - In - A - Foreign -

I will, I hope, one day broadcast again, or if not that then at least crack a joke which the radio producer, letting me down gently, will understand.

But still I am not yet me because so much of me was my voice, my incontinent chatter. My chattering was a bad habit, I know, but unlike the bad habit which caused the cancer. it's one I'm desperate to get

'Inside Story: Tongue Tied', John Diamond's disquisition on life, death and cancer, is on BBC1 on 15 June at 10.30pm. 'C -Because Cowards Get Cancer Too' is published by Vermillion on 11 June, price £9,99.

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IOSEPH C. HARSCH - he was Scientist. He studied history at always most insistent on the infairs. He contributed to the well over 60 years. British listeners may recall his stimulating BBC broadcasts in the American Commentary series started by Raymond Gram reau chief of the Christian Sci-Swing. Harsch was a foreign correspondent who had a happy knack of managing to be at the right place at the right time. He was a young reporter for

The Christian Science Monitor in Washington when Herbert Hoover began to grasp the magnitude of the Great Depression, and when Franklin Roosevelt inaugurated the New Deal to tackle it. He was in London on 3 September 1939 when Neville Culmberlain announced the declaration of war against Germany. Soon afterwards he was in Berlin, the first news analysis from the CBS correspondent to cover both sides in the Second World War. He was in Hawaii, on his way to the Soviet Union, on 7 Decomber 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He replaced him with Harsch, was with General Douglas MacArthur in Australia when he made his famous "I shall return" speech. He reported from the liberated concentration camps in 1945. He travelled behind the newly forged Iron Cuttain in 1947 and 1949.

Harsch's book The Curtain Isn't Iron, published in 1950, challenged the then prevalent American assumption that war with the Soviet Union was ultimately inevitable. He was one of the first to foretell the eventual collapse of Russian domination of Eastern Europe. His earlier book Pattern of Conquest, issued in 1941 before America entered the war, brilliantly analysed the German drive for

power, He was not only a good evewitness reporter of the maor events of the 20th century for the Christian Science Monitor and for all three of the major broadcasting networks. He was also steeped in history and able to relate those events to their wider historical context.

Harsch was a lightly built man with a beaky nose and a puckish sense of humour. He grew up in Ohio, where his fa- when there were considerable years on the paper were given his work on the history of the Raemer, died Jamestown, Rhode

Williams College in Massachuclusion of his middle initial in setts, writing the thesis for his his byline - was an outstanding MA degree on the Hundred American writer on foreign af-Years War. He then came for further education to Corpus Christian Science Monitor for Christi, Cambridge. His dispatches and columns were always rich in historical allusions and comparisons.

It was when he was the buence Monitor in Berlin that Harsch made his first broadcasts, covering on occasion for William Shirer, the famous Berlin correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System, who had been the earliest recruit of Edward R. Murrow, CBS's chief war correspondent. In 1943 Harsch, by that time no longer a foreign co.respondent, also joined C3S. From then until 1949, in addition to writing a column for the Christian Science Monitor, he broadcast a regular thoughtful Washington station WTOP.

When Raymond Gram Swing relinquished the weekly American Commentary towards the end of the war the BBC speaking from Washington, alternating with Clifton Utley, speaking from Chicago. Harsch's familiarity with Britain and his clarity of thought made him an ideal interpreter of developments in the American capital. In 1953 Harsch joined the

National Broadcasting Company as a news analyst and four years later gave up the opportunity of co-authoring a syndicated column with his great friend Walter Lippmann in order to return to London as NBC's senior European correspondent. He became a wellknown figure on the London scene. The Queen invited him to one of her private luncheous. He was a popular member of the Garrick Club, where he served on the committee and was made a life member. Indeed he was always a most clubbable man. He also belonged to the St James's in London, the Metropolitan and the Cosmos in Washington, the Century in New York and the St Botolph

in Boston. He was stationed in London in the wake of Suez, a time



Harsch: a clubbable man who sympathetically interpreted Britain to the US

American alliance. His broadcasts to the United States sympathetically interpreted what was happening in Britain. When he left to return to America to become NBC's diplomatic correspondent in 1965 he was appointed an honorary CBE.

Like many in the American stage army of news commentators, after two years he changed networks again. From 1967 to 1971 he was a commentator for the American Broadcasting Company. After that he broadcast less, but he lovally continued his column for the Christian a quarter of a century, moved Science Monitor. In 1989 his 60

tion for the quality of its coverage of foreign affairs, acknowledged by non-Christian Scientists, owes much to Harsch. Joe Harsch married in 1932

Anne Wood, one of two daughters of an American admiral. Both sisters had houses in friendly community across Narragansett Bay from Newport. ton correspondent 1931-39, foreign Anne died in January 1997 and Joe was desolate after 65 years of an extremely happy marriage.

Edna Raemer, who had to Jamestown to belp him edit ther had become a Christian pressures testing the Anglo- a great celebration. Its reputa- Harsch family who had arrived Island 3 June 1998.

in America from the southern Rhineland in 1743. On the eve of his 93rd birthday they decided to get married.

Leonard Miall

Joseph Close Harsch, writer and broadcaster; born Taledo, Ohio 25 Jamestown, Rhode Island, a May 1905; contributor, Christian Science Monitor 1929-97, Washingcorrespondent 1939-42. Chief Editorial Writer 1971-74; Senior European Correspondent, NBC 1957-65, Diplomatic Correspondent 1965-67; been his editorial assistant for CBE (Hon) 1965; Commentator, ABC 1967-71; married 1932 Anne Wood (died 1997; three sons), 1998 Edna

Patricia Cunninghame Graham

CRUCIAL at the establishment and retention of the British Empire was a breed of indomitable, spunky women, of practical turn of mind and nononsense approach, cheerful in adversity, game for anything, able to cope, who married and gave children to the servants of the Empire, civilian and military. Such a one was Patricia Hanbury, most happily married for 57 years to Admiral Sir Angus Cunninghame Graham of Gartmore, Lord-Lieutenant of Dumbartonshire from 1955 to 1968, and a considerable persona, in her own right, in the life of Scotland until he died at the age of 88 in 1981.

Her generation remembered her with affection as one of the hostesses of the age, but always careful to bring together all sorts of people from various walks of life. She was the antithesis of a self-important snob.

Patricia Hanbury was one of three sisters and two brothers, a daughter of Lt-Col Lionel Hanbury, Commander of the 4th Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment in France, 1914-17, who in 1920 became High Sheriff of the County of London. Patricia admired her father, a conventional Old Etonian of his time given to shooting and fishing, but also much more than that.

Hanbury sat under Lord Rayleigh FRS, Sir James Johnson Dobbie FRS and Chaston Chapman as a member of the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors. This concerned itself with claims by patentee vendors, inventor vendors, claims of existing patent and claims by persons employed in research. Throughout her life, spanning nearly a century, Patricia maintained that sense of curiosity about industry which had been passed on to her by her father and which facilitated her relationships with those involved in industry in the west of Scotland where her husband was to play such a prominent part. Her maternal grandfather,

who died in 1915 but in whose home she spent her teenage years during her father's absence on the battlefield in France during the First World War, was Henry Allhusen, who with his father, Christian Allhusen, was a pioneer of the chemical manufacturing industry setting up in embryo form in Newcastle upon Tyne and Teesside.

Conservative Member of Parliament for Salisbury by 147 votes at a by-election in January 1897 where the turnout had been 94.2 per cent. During what is in modern parlance a "chicken run" in 1900 he then became the Conservative Member of Parliament for Hackney Central with a comfortable majority, albeit he was to be swept away in the Liberal landslide of 1906. Allhusen imbued his granddaughter with a sense of service to the country.

In 1924 she married the then

Lt-Cdr Angus Cunninghame Graham, nephew of R.B. Cunninghame Graham, the celebrated socialist, South American explorer and author of widely read books such as A Brazilian Mystic (1920). The Conquest of the River Plate (1924) and Jose Antonio Paez (1929), a study of one of the founders of modern Venezuela. "Don Roberto" greatly approved of his young niece-in-law and particularly of her sense of adventure.

Her husband Angus who

had served as a midshipman in

1914 with the Grand Flect after Osborne and Dartmouth rose rapidly and became the senior naval officer of the China station, 1936-38. Patricia Cunninghame Graham was able at first hand to to recount to people in Britain the horrors of the Japanese invasion of Mancuria and China. A cousin twice removed of myself, she would tell the family quietly and gently of exactly what had happened in those terrible years at the hands of the Japanese. She would also say that as the wife of a naval officer she supported righteous wars but that no one should think that they would be entitled to start unnecessary wars. Forty years later she told me that she was absolutely against military

action against Argentina in the Falklands, on the grounds that it could have been avoided.

Her husband became the commanding officer of the Signal School on the outbreak of war on account of his technical ability which was unusual in a naval officer of that time. In 1941 a period of separation ensued when Cunninghame Graham became the captain, after repeated requests for a command at seas, of HMS Kent. He ended the war as the Commodore of the Royal Naval Barracks at Chatham and as an ADC to King George VI. His wife had the reputation of being as at ease with the Chatham naval wives and their problems as with the court circles in which her husband had moved since he was on the Royal Yacht Victoria and Albert in 1912.

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Cunninghame Graham became the Admiral Superintendent of Rosyth in 1947, and Flag Officer Scotland in 1950. In his retirement he did 13 years as Lord-Lieutenant of Dumbartonshire and as his Lady Patricia was involved in endless good work such as the Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution, the Earl Haig Fund and the Queen Victoria School in Dunblane.

A great deal of that time, too, was devoted to the Scottish National Trust in a period when it was a small and intimate organisation. She won golden opinions from those building up the properties of the National Trust at a time of great difficulty and few resources.

Tam Dalyeli

Mary Patricia Hanbury: born Burnham, Buckinghamshire 9 July 1901; married 1924 Angus Cunninghame Graham (KBE 1951, died 1981; one son, one daughter); died Melrose, Roxburghshire 27 May 1998.



Admiral Sir Angus and Lady Cunninghame Graham en Allhusen had been elected as route to a Lieutenancy dinner, Dumbarton, 1961

Rodgers: social conscience

Betsy Rodgers

tremendously loyal to ber husband, a Conservative MP founder of the magazine History However her independent char-Today and later chairman of Radio Luxembourg, Betsy Rodgers managed to remain a free spirit in spite of being born in an era which so often denied women the right to their own fulfilment. Born in 1907 and brought up

in Gloucestershire into what she always described as the "rural bourgeoisie", she acquired many of the characteristics of her background, retaining throughout her life an old-fashioned courtesy, a great love and deep

ued to hunt until she was 75. acter together with a high intelligence led her to reject many of the conventional values of her class. She was to achieve intellectual distinction and develop a deep social conscience and concern for the welfare of people. It is for these that she will be remembered.

Betsy Aikin-Sneath, her maiden name, was the only girl to pass the University Entrance from her school in Eastbourne and went up to Oxford, to St niless, idealistic fellow under- liamentary constituency of

Gaudier-Brzeska, sculptor, 1915; Horatio Herbert, first Earl Kitchener

ALWAYS self-effacing and gardens, dogs and horses - es- what to her father's dismay. pecially the latter. She contin- There she read French and German - also unlikely to have pleased her father, who disliked ent in French, German and Spanish and later gained a PhD from London University. Her thesis was published by the Clarendon Press in 1936, as Comedy in Germany in the First Later she confessed to having doubts about the significance of her chosen subject.

While at Oxford she met and married John Rodgers, a pen-

father had been a railway clerk. World War intervened and she She also joined the Labour Party; yet another blow to her parent. On going down from Keble the Germans. She became flu- her husband went to work for the Mary Ward Settlement in London and then briefly became a university teacher. Soon however he exchanged social work for commerce, by joining the advertising agency J. Wal-Half of the Eighteenth Century. ter Thompson. Throughout his life his ambitions were fuelled by the fear of reliving the poverty of his childhood.

In 1939 Betsy was adopted Labour candidate for the parknowledge of the countryside, Hugh's College, in 1926, some- graduate from Yorkshire whose Chelsea. However the Second

never had the chance to fight an election. Instead she spent the war years as a County Welfare Officer, bringing up her two sons, while her husband worked in the Ministry of Information.

After the war John Rodgers was adopted as Conservative candidate for Sevenoaks - the constituency he represented from 1950 to 1979 - and Betsy became a Tory wife. She was able to be reconciled to this as her husband's conservatism was of the "liberal" and "One Nation" variety which did not inhibit her concern for social reform or threaten the Welfare

hard-working figure in his constituency and a magistrate, and also kept up her academic work. She published two more

books of social history, Cloak of Charity: studies in eighteenthcentury philanthropy (1949) and Georgian Chronicle: Mrs Barbauld and her family (1958), centring on a kinswoman, the miscellaneous writer and dissenting radical Anna Letitia Barbauld, née Aikin. These works revealed her deep commitment to her subject and she regarded them as her most

important achievement. She was also the unacknow-

State. She became a respected, ledged researcher and partauthor of her husband's three books for Batsford, The Old Public Schools of England (1938), The English Woodland (1941) and English Rivers (1948). She passed her love of reading on to her two sons, the elder of whom, Tobias, was an antiquarian bookdealer who, tragically, died one year before her.

Betsy Aikin-Sneath, historian: born Paignton, Devon 29 August 1907; married 1930 John Rodgers (Bt. 1964, died 1993; one son and one son deceased); died Groombridge, Kent 23 May 1998.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

DEATHS

GROAK: Steven. It is with great sad-ness that the family of Steven Greak announce his unexpected death on Wednesday 3 June 1998.

Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS (Births, MARRAGES & DEATHS (Births, Adoptions, Marriages, Deaths, Memorial services, Wedding analysessies, In the Independent, I Canada Square, Carary Wharf, London EM SDL, selephoned to 0ff1-293 2612, (A-lour answering machine 0ff1-293 2610, and are charged at £6.50 a time (VAT extra). OTHER Gazette announcements (notices, functions, Forthcoming marriages, Marriages) must be submitted in writing (or footd) and are charged at £10 a line, VAT extra.

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Birthdays

Miss Moira Anderson, singer, 58; Professor R. Angus Buchanan, founder, Centre for the History of Technology. Bath, 68; Mr A.R. Daw-son, rugby player, 66; Miss Beatrice de Cardi, archaeologist, 84; Sir John Daller, formes de Carut, archaeologist, 69; Sir John Dellow, former Deputy Commis-sioner, Marropolinan Police, 67; Miss Margaret Drabble, novelist, 59; Tue Margaret Dranoue, noveust, 39; 1de Very Rev Kerry Goulstone, Dean of St Asaph Cathedral, 62; Mr David Hare, playwright, 51; Miss Rose Hill, actress and singer, 84; Sir Jack Jacob QC, former Senior Master of the Supreme Court, 90; Miss Julie Kirkbride MP, 38; Sir Andrew Kirk-wood, High Court judge, 54; Mr Phil Neale, cricketer, 44; Mr David Poole, artist, 67; Mr Nigel Rees, author, 54; Mr Jeffrey Rooker MP, Minister of State, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 57; Mrs Elizabeth Shaw, former Executive Director and Secretary, Charity Commission, 52; Mr Richard Stone, portrait painter, 48; Sir Arthur Vick, former Vice-Chancellor, Queen's University of Belfast, 87; Vice-Admiral Sir Barry Wilson, former deputy chief of Defence Staff, 62.

Anniversaries Births: Adam Smith, political economist, 1723; Igor Fedorovich Stravus sky, composer, 1882; John Maynard Keynes, first Baron Keynes, 1883; Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett, novel-ist, 1884; Federico Garcia Lorca, poet and playwright, 1898; Gilbert Charles Harding television personality, 1997. Deaths: Orlando Gibbons, composer and organist, 1625; Stephen Crane, novelist and poet, 1900; O. Henry (William Sydney Porter), short-story writer, 1910; Henri

of Khartoum, field marshal, lost at sea in HMS Hampshire 1916. On this day: the hot-air balloon was first demonstrated by the Montgolfier brothers, 1783; Ramsay MacDonald

formed a minority Labour govern-ment in Britain, 1929; the Allied Control Commission assumed authority over Germany, 1945; the Six Day War between the Arab states and Israel broke out, 1967; Robert Francis Kennedy, a US senator, was shot by an assassin, dying 25 hours later, 1968; Britain's first referendum was held, resulting in a two-to-one majority in favour of staying in the Common Market, 1975. Today is the Feast Day of St Boniface of Mainz or Crediton St Dorotheus of Tyre, St Sanctius or Sancho and St Tudno.

Lectures

National Gallery: Alexander Stur-gis, "Mysteries (1): Piero di Cosimo, A Satyr Mourning over a Nymph", Tate Gallery: James Malpas, "What's the Matter with Matter? The

work of Lucian Freud", 1pm.

Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following, Sabbath begins in London at 8.58pm. United Synagogues: 0181-343 8989.

Federation of Synagogues: 0181-202 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues of Great Britain: 9181-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New London Syna-gogue (Masorti): 0171-328 1026.

LAW REPORT: S JUNE 1998

New roster created discrimination on sex ground

London Underground Ltd v Edwards; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Potter) 21 May 1998

A NEW rostering system for train operators with which 100 per cent of male operators, but only 95.2 of female operators, per 24 hours were in force. were able to comply amounted to indirect discrimination on section 1(1)(b) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.

The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal of London decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, which had dismissed its appeal against a decision of an industrial tribunal that it had unlawfully discriminated against a former emplovee, Susan Edwards, on the ground of her sex, contrary to fixed salary, working an averthe Sex Discrimination Act

She had qualified as a train operator in 1987, and in the same year had given birth to a child of whom she had sole care. For most of her employment she had worked at the Northfields train depot where, until the end of 1992, rostering arrangements based on a system of three shifts

Because extra payments were made for working unsothe ground of sex, contrary to cial hours, the applicant was able, by making the necessary swops with other operators, to organise a shift pattern in which she could accommodate Underground Ltd against a her domestic and childcare arrangements.

In 1991 LU brought into effect a new system of rostering, under which flexible shifts were introduced. Operators were expected to work over a sevenday period and to be paid a age of 38.5 hours per week over a four-week period. As a result The applicant had been of the scheme a person wishhave to exchange shorter shifts a person discriminated against for longer shifts, with no extra remuneration to attract a person to work the unsocial

When the new system was

introduced, the applicant made it clear that if she could not be satisfied that she could continue to exchange shifts, she would not be able to carry on in LU's employment. The parties agreed that she should sign her new form of contract and then be given a voluntary severance payment.

David Bean QC and Ingrid Simler (Solicitor to London Transport Legal Department) for LU; Robin Allen QC and Clive Lewis (Equal Opportunities Commission) for the applicant.

Lord Justice Potter said that the applicant's complaint was criminated against on the ply, and 21 female train opergrounds of her sex, contrary to ators, of whom all but one, i.e. section 1(1)(b) of the Sex Dis- 95.2 per cent, could comply. crimination Act 1975, as employed by LU since 1983. ing to work social hours would amended, which provided that LU that the industrial tribunal

a woman if:

he applies to her a requirement or condition which applies or would ap-ply equally to a man but - (i) which is such that the proportion of women who can comply with it is considerably smaller than the proportion of men who can comply with it; and (ii) which he cannot show to be justifiable irrespective of the sex of the person to whom it is applied; and (iii) which is to her detriment because she cannot comply with it.

It was common ground that, for the purposes of comparing the proportion of women and men employees who could comply with the new rostering arrangements, the "pool" was that of all train operators to whom the new rostering arrangements applied. The industrial tribunal had found that the pool consisted of 2023 male train operators, of whom that she had been indirectly dis- all, ie 100 per cent, could com-

It had been submitted for

had erred in law in finding that 95.2 per cent was a "considerably smaller" proportion than 100 per cent. However, the tribunal had been entitled to have regard to the large discrepancy in numbers between male and female train operators. An increase of no more than one in the women unable to comply would have produced an effective figure of some 10 per cent as against the nil figure in respect of men, while on the other hand, one male employee unable to comply would scarcely have altered the proportional difference at all.

Plainly a percentage difference of about 5 per cent was inherently unlikely to lead an industrial tribunal to the conclusion that the requirements of section 1(1)(b) had not been made out, but it could not be said that such a conclusion must inevitably follow in every

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Mild pain, but the Bank is right

INTEREST RATES have only risen by 1.5 percentage points since the election last year, in six bite-sized, quarter-point stages including yesterday's surprise move, but we are beginning to feel the pinch now. So what is going on? Are we in good times or bad, boom or bust? The truth is we are somewhere in between. Unfortunately this is not the Goldilocks economy of American dreams, neither too hot nor too cold. The British economy is more like Mother Bear and Pather Bear's porridge mixed together, overheating in parts and stone cold elsewhere. Manufacturing industry is technically in recent squeezed by interest rates and a high pound, while consumer spending is buoyant and house prices have not yet felt the chill of dearer mortgages.

It is, of course, exporters who make the most noise, while estate agents slap another £10,000 on the asking price in silence, which makes it sound as if things are worse than they are. Nor should we be too distracted by the illusion that the Asian meltdown is on the verge of pulling the world into slump. We have heard so much about globalisation that it is tempting to see the Russian economy as the next domino, but the crisis in Russia is almost exclusively internal. It is tempting, too, to fear that if Japanese and Korean investment in Britain goes temporarily AWOL, there will be no jobs for unemployed former miners in Wales. But we should remember that Norwegian and Australian companies invest much more here - only they tend not to go for the high-profile, high-subsidy greenfield sites.

But we should not be complacent. There is evidence that those parts of the British economy which are booming could be storing up inflationary trouble for the future. Inflationary expectations may be low as a result of our long run of low inflation since the pound was devalued out of the exchange rate mechanism in 1992. But the present state of the housing market especially suggests that Britain's even longer-run inflationary psychology has not yet been broken, and the Bank of England is right to tighten the screws. It would be all too easy to dismiss the recent rise in inflation as a blip caused by tax rises, but the last time we had a blip it got the Conservative Party where it is today, as well as doing serious damage to the economy. Indeed, this newspaper has consistently argued that rates should have been raised earlier. The Monetary Policy Committee held off from doing that in recent months only because of the strength of the pound. Its recent drop has obviously tipped the balance in the evenly divided committee.

Contrary to the impression given by the jargon of "the cumulative tightening of the labour market" in the committee's report, setting interest rates is an inexact science. The point to remember is that we will not know the impact of yesterday's decision for at least a year, by which time it will be too late to do anything about it if it is wrong. Given that the long-run dangers of inflation are greater than the short-run costs of the squeeze, the Bank is right to err on the side of caution.

Let us end this game of Commons softball

THE ABILITY of Parliament to hold the Government to account has diminished, is diminishing and ought to be increased. "This loss of accountability has been worsened by the growing trend for MPs to ask planted questions. soft full-tosses of which the minister is already aware." We heartily agree. But these are not the words of Andrew Mackinlay, the heroic Labour backbencher who writes for us today. They are those of Alastair Campbell, now the Prime Minister's press secretary, writing about the "crisis of confidence in Parliament" in the now defunct Today newspaper, 10 March 1994.

Mr Mackinlay performed a valuable service in reminding Tony Blair of what was obvious to him and to his entourage before they found themselves in a position to be held to account. On Wednesday Mr Mackinlay used almost the same phrasing as Mr Campbell's four years ago: "Does the Prime Minister recall that, when we were in opposition, we used to groan at the fawning, obsequious, soft-ball, well-rehearsed and planted questions asked by Conservative members?" We all used to groan, and the truth upon which Mr Mackinlay hit is that we are groaning at the other lot now. There was one of those rare moments of surprise and recognition in the Commons at his question, and a rushing roar of approval which was notably unconfined to the opposition benches.

Mr Blair should listen to that sound, reread some of his press secretary's old columns and remember what he thought when he was looking in on the secret garden of power in frustration. Then he should implement the Mackinlay manifesto, by accepting the democratic good faith of backbench MPs "who wish to provide scrutiny and accountability in this place" and by acting on the ideas for modernising Parliament floated yesterday.

In the end, this government will secure its position in public affection not by rigid discipline ensuring its MPs stay on message and Parliament becomes an arm of its propaganda machine, but by dealing openly with justified criticism. As Mr Campbell said in 1994: "You wonder, if the Government itself shows such repeated contempt for Parliament, why its members are surprised when the public expresses contempt for them."

Three strikes and...

PREPARE to resist the easy assumptions of the 1970s. It seems that industrial action has only to be threatened in three unrelated trades - in this case, broadcasting, firefighting and the London Underground - and we are facing a "summer of discontent", or a "new wave of industrial militancy". It helps that all three industries are high-profile and interest the metropolitan middle classes. (The Liverpool dockers were on strike for aeons and no one paid a blind bit of notice.) The rest of us should simply prepare for a summer of mild irritation.



Alternative medicine

Sir: Professor Edzard Ernst has injected some much-needed sense into the prevalent enthusiasm for all kinds of unconventional medicine, but his is very much a minority voice ("Hidden truths behind healing hands", 2 June).

I have spent almost a quarter of century as a conventionally qualified doctor practising two forms of complementary medicine, acupuncture and homoeopathy, within the NHS. I have always felt it was an important part of the job to tell patients what could and could not be achieved by unconventional means. This task has become much harder recently, as uncritical optimism has been fostered by a vocal army of enthusiasts with little real understanding of the issues involved.

It is very difficult to publish NEILAUSTIN books or articles which are in any way London Chiropractic Clinic critical of complementary medicine; the message is not one that most people want to hear. Professor Ernst's article was a welcome exception. Dr ANTHONY CAMPBELL London N14

Sir. Professor Ernst bemoans the lack of clinical studies on the effectiveness of various complementary therapies and describes chiropractic as unproven. He omits to mention that chiropractic is the only complementary therapy in the UK to have undergone any thorough evaluation by an independent medical research body (the Medical Research Council, who published two studies in the British Medical Journal in 1990 and 1995).

The results of both studies could hardly have been more positive about the benefits of chiropractic treatment, compared with orthodox medicine, for patients with low back

The 1990 study concluded that chiropractic treatment had been significantly more successful in providing faster pain relief, greater patient satisfaction and measurably greater improvements (for example, only 21 per cent of the chiropractic patients required time off work compared with 39 per cent of the medical patients). A follow-up study in 1995 showed that 30 per cent few-

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er of the chiropractic group had experienced relapses of their original low back pain. The MRC concluded that were chiropractic to be available on the NHS the potential savings would be huge.

Professor Ernst also suggests that chiropractic manipulation is potentially dangerous. All medical treatments carry risks. It has been generally accepted (by, amongst others, the Royal College of General Practitioners) that manipulation is very safe when performed by a qualified practitioner.

Sir: In this berating of "biased" media coverage of complementary medicine, Professor Ernst seems unaware of his own inevitable bias.

Far from "scientific evaluation" providing an objective and disinterested means of clarifying the relative efficacy of "scientific" and "commethodology, steeped as it is in the ideologies of modern technocratic science, is itself just as culturally relative as are the complementary apworld-view which may well be incompatible with that of modern empirical science.

Inductively derived "ancient wisdoms" (which are crucially different from Ernst's principal target, "anecdotal evidence"), distilled over millennia of real human trial-and-error experience, are at least as likely to provide reliable evidence as are the mechanistic methods of modern sci-

Dr RICHARD HOUSE

Sir: I practise Shiatsu, one of the therapies for which, as Professor Ernst rightly points out, virtually no clinical trials have been carried out, and I entirely agree with his call for rig-

sure that my clients are getting value for money? First, I ask them some detailed questions about their health problem and how it affects them. Second, I ask how they would know if their problem was to improve. Third, I check carefully session by session that it is improving. Fourth, if it isn't improving in any way, I will happily give them their money back. Fair enough?

NICHOLAS POLE

Power and clean air

Sir: In your report "Power pollution linked to asthma" (27 May) you say that, according to research by the Atmospheric Particles Expert Group (APEG), power stations may be a major source of particulate air pollution. I would point out that APEG has not yet finalised the conclusions of its research and a preliminary draft report is not expected to be circulated plementary" medicine, such a for peer review until July. It is not possible therefore to comment on details of the research at this stage.

The Government's Digest of Environmental Statistics shows that proaches which embrace a road transport is responsible for about twice as much fine particulate emissions (known as PM₁₀) as power stations, and other industry for about three times as much. Coal- and oil-burning power stations are mostly remote from urban areas and do not normally contribute significantly to urban "particle pollution episodes". The electricity industry's own research indicates that the maximum PM₁₀ concentration downwind of a 2000MW coal station is well within the Government's air quali-

ty objective for 2005. However, the electricity generators are far from complacent about their emissions. PM₁₀ and other emissions have all fallen substantially in recent years, with the switch from coal to gas, with improvements to dust capture plant and the installation of flue gas

In the meantime, how can I en- desulphurisation plant, and further reductions are expected. PHILIP DAUBENEY Chief Executive

Plight of the Bushmen

Electricity Association

London SW1

Sir: Caitlin Davies' difficulties in Botswana, following her concern at the forced removal of the Bushmen from the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR), should come as no surprise to seasoned observers of against British journalist", 26 May).

Survival has been campaigning for the land rights of the Botswanan Bushmen for 10 years now. In that time the government of Bostwana has exhibited a marked reluctance to acknowledge the rights of the Bushmen to their land and way of life. When the government started the eviction of the Bushmen from the CKGR, it assured its critics that no one would be forced to move. Yet force and coercion was used to move some 600 people. Now only 200 to 400 still remain inside the CKGR, resolute in their refusal to leave.

Though it has a reputation for being an open, democratic country, Botswana remains a place where the persecution and marginalisation of the Bushmen is a day-to-day reality. RICHARD GARSIDE Press Officer, Survival

The loss of Gazza

Sir: Amid the brouhaha over Paul Gascoigne's omission from England's World Cup squad, the question we should be asking is whether our rivals will be happier now that the "most talented player of his generation" (leading article, 2 June) won't be dictating the team's attacking play. I fear that they will. ALAN MANKIKAR

New council, old names

Sir: The arts world waits for Chris Smith to announce the names of the "new" Arts Council. I fear the list is likely to exacerbate the divide between the arts community and the

For all the talk of a brand new body, one hears of many people being invited to apply including members of the old council, one of whom has already served 11 consecutive

My fear now is that some art forms will continue to be represented on Council by the people who have been chairing them for years and who have formulated their policies, and

others will have no voice at all. Dance, touring, drama, combined arts and the visual arts may all find themselves lacking a seat on Botswana ("Botswana drops case Council and thus seriously disadvantaged in the competition for funds. All previous art-form chairs should be invited to sit - or none. STEPHEN PHILLIPS Hailsham,

> Fast Susser The writer is Arts Council Chair of

Ulster deal

Sir: Since the two main stumbling blocks to agreement in Northern Ireland would appear to be the release of terrorists and the decommissioning of arms, why not make one contingent on the other - for each batch handed in by either side, one prisoner would be let out. JOHN A DAVIS Cambridge

Could do better

Sir: The A-levels exam period will soon bring floods of articles about declining standards among the candidates. May I get there first by suggesting the examiners are no better? This question was from the Oxford and Cambridge examining board's English literature paper: Discuss the Shakespeare's dramatic presentation of justice and mercy in this pas-

EMMAKING

Rhyme with no reason – an American visitor's guide to that quaint British slang



THE THING that really separates the today I am addressing myself to American ther back, was "mild", as in mild beer, but British from the Americans is our use of rhyming slang. As all Americans know, the streets of our great cities are full of Cockney people speaking to each other in rhyming slang, and maybe the lanes of our great villages as well, come to that. Just as the English suspect that when they go into a Welsh pub, everyone in there switches immediately from English to Welsh, so Americans have a vague suspicion that when they wander into a group of Britons, they will immediately start conversing in rhyming slang, not so much to avoid being understood by the Americans as to seem a bit more colourful and add a bit of zest to their humdrum tourist ex-

If this is so, and I am sure it is, it is about time that American visitors were given some help in this matter. And that is why

readers who wish to have a quick and casy entrée into rhyming slang. Yes, it is quick. Yes, it is easy. All you have to remember is two basic things. 1. The people who speak rhyming

slang often don't know what they're talking about either. 2. This is because the word they use doesn't rhyme with the real meaning. It's

the word they DON'T use which rhymes with the real meaning. A "titler" is a hat, because "hat" rhymes with "tat", which is the missing bit of "titler tat". OK?

Now, rhyming slang changes and develops a lot over the years, with new words constantly coming in and old ones going out. "Ruby Murray" or "Ruby" used to be slang for "curry", but that one has faded now, because the memory of Ruby Murray has faded. "Jimmy Wilde", going even fur-

not many people remember Jimmy Wilde, and not many people, I'm afraid to say, remember mild beer. But new phrases are constantly coming into the language, based on new celebrities and new institutions.

For instance, you may hear someone English say, "I'm going down the road for a quick Basil", and you may think in your innocence that they are going to buy the herb of the same name. Not at all. He is going down the road for a balti meal. Balti rhymes with Fawlty, and Basil Fawlty therefore means a balti meal. Drop off the

Fawity and you've got a Basil! This will tend to confuse you if you have never heard of Basil Fawlty or, indeed, if balti cooking has not yet reached the USA. Similarly, if you have never heard of some of our politicians you may be confused by such phrases as "I'm going to Mandy's place", which means "I'm going home". "Mandy" is a nickname for a politician called Peter Mandelson, who has been put in charge of building a dome to celebrate the Millennium. So "Mandy's place" is

"Mandy's Dome" which rhymes with home. Getting there? Here are a few more. Wallace - vomit (Wallace and Grommet as in "I feel awful, I think I'm going to have a Wallace") Edna - drink (Edna Everage - beverage)

Women's names seem inextricably linked with drink. "Vera Lynn" used to mean "gin". More up to date we have... Germaine - beer (Germaine Greer) Janet - water (Janet Street-Porter)

Here, in no particular order, are some other modern rhyming slang terms. Norman - GBH (Norman St John Stevas

– grievous)

Comic - thief (comic relief)

Perrier'd - fed up (Perrier award - bored) Cut - go (Cut and blow) Kīwi - suit (kiwi fruit - "Smart do tonight, so I'll put on my kiwi")

Parked -died (park and ride) Drophead - hairpiece (Drophead coupé toupée; which is quite neat, when you think that drophead almost means toupée anyway) Paul - curtain (Paul Merton - "Pull the

Angus - Salan (after Angus Deayton; nothing rhymes with Hislop, so far as I know) Trevor - hamburger (Trevor Macdonald) Michael - fine (Michael Heseltine; as in "I thought I was going to be sent down but they let me off with a Michael")

Barry - commissionaire (Barry Norman doorman) So, remember: if you hear any of these phrases in your neck of the woods this summer, it's probably an American visitor....

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DONALD MACINTYRE

IN The Prince, a book which shares with Das Kapital the distinction of being one of the most discussed and least read in European literature, Machiavelli has something to say about public spending: too much of it means a ruler will always use up his resources and he will be obliged, eventually... to burden the people with excessive taxes and do everything possible to raise funds. This will begin to make him hateful to his subjects, and ... he will not be much esteemed by anyone..."

This is rather a good moderniser's account of what happened to the 1974-79 Labour Goverument. (Even without adding the words "inchiding calling in the IMF" at the end of the first sentence in the quotation). It conjures vividly the spectre which haunts Gordon Brown - and for that matter Tony Blair - more than any other. And it certainly summarizes why both men thought - and think - that broadly maintaining the austere public spending years. The Defence budget, though trimmed, regime laid down by the previous Tory Chancellor increases rather than decreases their chances of winning the all important second General Election.

The humiliatingly short shrift given to union leaders this week, not to mention Gordon Brown's studiedly orthodox speech in the City, both serve to underline the core belief at both famous Downing Street addresses that Labour's endemic habit of spending first and paying later was part of what makes it the only political party in this century never to have served two full terms.

And as with fiscal policy, so with monetary policy. Don't suppose for a moment that yesterday's increase in interest rates will have been unwelcome to either Brown or Blair. OK, the pound went up again. Yes, manufacturing industry will wince. Sure, some mortgage payers will shudder.

The fact is that both men would have liked the Bank of England to move faster and more sharply towards a rise which the markets could credibly judge to be the last. Brown didn't sacrifice, as his first action in office, the cherished power of politicians to manipulate interest rates for reasons of short term popularity, only to find that the Bank behaved more politically than the politicians.

Indeed there has been audible irritation in parts of Whitehall at those members of the Monetary Policy Committee who stray, for one reason or another, from the narrow remit of counter-inflation policy. This is especially because there is a direct connection between policy on rates and that on spending.

The Government's answer to the Liberal Democrats' complaints about its alleged miserliness is that may need surplusses not for a pre-election war chest but in order to weather a recession, made all the likelier if the Bank turns out to have misjudged things.

Which is another reason for the Chancellor to show extreme prudence. Yes, but within limits. The Chancellor and Prime Minister may not be quite as immune to short term political gratification as they look.

Part of what makes the independence of the Bank of England such a master-stroke is the way in which it has protected the government from bearing the brunt of the attacks over the level of sterling as a result of interest rate rises which both Chancellor and Prime Minister had decided well before the election would be necessary. That rates might have gone up even faster had they had their way only underlines the point; would Labour's poll lead be as high as it if the decisions had been taken at the Treasury?

Ministers have no such protection against criticisms on spending. They may scorn the idea that the poor turnout at the local government elections, and, rather more dramatically, the opinion poll rating of the Scottish National Party, are the result of the Government's fiscal toughness. But they are omens which cannot wholly be ignored. The SNP, beginning a hugely upbeat conference in Perth today, are current favourites to win power in assembly elections only a year

So it is just as well that the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review next month will not be quite as austere as it has looked at times this week. It's already well known that Education and Health will be significant net gainers from this huge Whitehall-wide exercise of setting the priorities for the next three will not yield up all the treasures Brown would have liked it to. But elsewhere there will be some painful losses to compensate for the

The electorate shows little sign of wanting Brown to abandon prudence

gains. Brown already knew last week that he had released some serious money for Frank Dobson and David Blunkett without ditching his precious surpluses.

But they are not alone. Brown's speech, in which he re-emphasised the "golden rule" that public borrowing will be used only for investment, was widely interpreted as essentially negative. But I suspect part of its purpose was subliminally to remind the markets that it will not be a breach of his self imposed discipline if he announces public funds for capital infrastructure investment which could - even if only to a limited and temporary extent - slow the rapid rate at which borrowing is falling. Public transport - of which Wednesday's modest £140m (and rather less modest £3.8bn loan guarantee) for John Prescott's Channel Tunnel Link is likely to be a harbinger - will almost certainly be the main beneficiary.

The war chest jibe assumes that Brown and Blair intend merely to accumulate surpluses until unleashing a controlled spending spree just before the general election. But it is doubtful that they would think that politically wise, even if it were not unduly cynical. The electorate shows little sign of wanting Brown to abandon prudence. But it is ready for a bankable downpayment on the Government's promises. Even Machiavelli would have approved of that.

Clare Short is right - there is more to the Third World than famine



SUZANNE MOORE

READING aloud a profile of the billionaire super-nerd Bill Gates the other day, I announced to anyone who was listening: "Did you know that Bill Gates is rich enough to give every man, woman and child in the whole world \$9 each?" "So, why doesn't he?" asked my seven year-old daughter.

It was a good question and not one that I could easily answer. In fact, I find it difficult to explain to my children the vast inequalities they see all round them. "Why is that man sleeping outside?" "Where does he brush his teeth?" "Why is that old lady looking in dust-

I can't explain it to them because I can't explain to myself, and when images of starving children appear on TV, I often turn away. This is not because I am so sensitive, or have seen too many to care any more, or suffer from that new complaint "compassion fatigue". I find them simply overwhelming, the misery so vast and yet so outside my own experience, that I feel powerless.

Something must be done, but what exactly? Putting a tenner in an envelope seems a futile gesture when famine comes around year after year. Obviously not everyone has the same reaction. Images of hunger spur on all kinds of ordinary people to get something done. to try to help, to reach out to those they will never meet, to feel a common human bond. This is laudable and is why Clare Short's remarks over the appeals for aid in the Sudan have been seen as controversial; callous even. She doesn't care about starving children, whereas others do. Now even caring is competitive: whose hearts bleed more? Clare Short's? Unicef's? The single mother's who pledges what she can ill afford?

Yet the points that Short has made are worth making. Her argument is a complicated one which is seen as somehow tricksy in the emotional context of starving babies.

She is concerned in general at the portrayal of developing countries as full of "constant suffering, failure and famine", as always in crisis. She has also been critical of the "mutual parasitism of the media and the fund-raiser" as this can lead to terrible pessimism about the possibility of progress.

None of these arguments are especially new. There has been for some time, especially among the more politicised non-governmental organisations



awareness that images of skeletal This wasn't "famine", Indeed, what Africans feed into a stereotype of pasis going on in Sudan is not classified as sivity and powerlessness. Victimhood

may rule in the West, but isn't it better There are measures for this kind of in this case to show how people might thing, apparently. Basically, Short's lift themselves out of it? Television itmessage is that throwing money at the self devours such imagery, sometimes problem, however well intended, is not provoking a response such as Live Aid, enough. The civil war has meant that the sometimes provoking the cynical stories underlying difficulty is not one of we hear of camera crews rejecting resources but of access. This is debatcertain children because they are not able. Some will argue that not enough thin enough to film. money has been promised in the first As Short points out, we actually place. Short is taking a long-term view spend fewer TV hours than we did 10

here and one that also makes it difficult for people to know how to respond. If the problem is the civil war, then

they have always been there. Short's recent interventions have been a way of trying to inject some optimism into the whole process, of saying, "Let's generate the political will to do what needs

Short is known for saying sometimes what she should not say and sometimes for saying what has to be said. To talk politics in the face of dying babies may have backfired, but surely her job as a politician is to look at the big picture. not just react to the horrific pictures in a tabloid newspaper?

The debate is really one about what can spur political change.

How do we create the political will to reduce absolute poverty? We can respond when it is already too late and pat ourselves on the back for our humanitarian efforts, or we can try to understand the causes of poverty. Of course, people who work in the

field do both. Reporters report, aid agencies run feeding centres, politicians make speeches, and the public remains bewildered even as it weeps over the six o'clock news at so much sorrow.

Short's appeal is simply that we focus a little more on the success stories of development, of those who with great dignity are able to change their lives.

Giving is often the easiest thing to do. Engaging our heads as well as our hearts may be too much to ask. After all, feeling is a lot more fashionable than thinking these days.

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But we must ask ourselves some hard questions - otherwise we too become victims of incomprehensible political machinations, in danger of accepting the massive inequalities of the way in which the world is run.

Giving is often the easiest thing to do. Engaging our heads as well as hearts may be too much. what are we, the citizens of Britain, to

to be ones of acute crisis. This is what Jonathan Dimbleby has called "the media's preoccupation with the horror of mass starvation".

years ago focusing on the developing

world, so that the images we see tend

Certainly, as someone who grew up with pictures of Biafra and Ethiopia, I did not recognise malnutrition when it was in front of my eyes because it did not look the way it was supposed to. When I travelled around the moun-

tains of Bolivia, the children never cried and were not that thin. Everyone always seemed to be eating, though the food had no goodness in it. Girls of 18 looked as though they were 35 and breast-fed their four-year-olds because it kept them quiet. It was only when I asked what the tiny clay pots were in every market that I began to realise something of what was going on. They were to bury alongside the babies so that

hands of the Government to put political pressure on far-away regimes? This is so abstract compared to the short-term solution of giving money. However, we need to understand

do about it? Leave it entirely in the

Short's starting point, and again this is not a new one. While it is easy to be overwhelmed

by mass poverty we do in fact know how to reduce it. We know what works. Investment in health and education, particularly in the education of women, helps lift people out of abject poverty. We already know about fair trade, human rights and debt relief. We know that sustainability is not some ecological mumbo-jumbo, but the only way forward for economies of the South to grow. Yet we are dogged by pessimism, a sense that in the development field a growing would have enough food in the next life. problems will always be there because

And that truly is a hopeless situation.

The secret fear of BBC bosses - we won't miss their shows



KAUFMAN

SOMETHING strange happened to me yesterday moroing. I numed on Radio 3 just before 8am and, instead of hearing yet another of the pop tunes by George Gershwin or Leonard Bernstein, which these days substitute for challenging music on the BBC's classical

weather forecast.

Normally, the weather forecast on Radio 3 consists of a few mumbled words, generally in a Jean Brodyesque Scots accent, at the end of the odd disconnected sentences which comprise the Radio 3 news bulletin. But this was a proper weather forecast, with all kinds of

technical stuff about drizzle and high winds. It was, in fact, as I soon learned to my amazement, the Radio 4 weather forecast. Due to industrial action, Radio 4 and

Radio 3 were being merged. Now, to some people, the loss of the full output of not drizzle but drivel on Radio 4 might be regarded as a deprivation, even a bereavement,

The print journalists who

music channel, I heard - the listen to their stories of that morning being regurgitated generally in three-minute capsules - on the Today show or the World at One (prior to those journalists then regurgitating the regurgitations in their newspapers' editions the next morn-

> snatching their livelihood away from them. Those denizens of middle England why rely on Radio 4 for their information about the state of the body politic may be rendered tongue-tied during coffee breaks in the common rooms of minor universities.

They may even have to think up

opinions for themselves. Alastair Campbell (whom God protect) with one fewer target to rage or snari at, may

feel a momentary sense of loss.

Politicians allowed to sleep unhindered rather than be roused out of their beds at an idiotically early hour in order to allow themselves to be rendered inarticulate by interruptions from self-important (and selfing), may feel that interruption indulgent) interviewers may of Radio 4's full schedule is suffer withdrawal symptoms.

Who, with "MP" after his or her name, can survive for long without stumbling downstairs, in pyjamas covered by slacks and sweater, to a radio car whose enormous aerial conceals equipment so fallible that, in the end, the interview may have to be conducted over the phone?

Not me, chumps. I never, ever listen to Today and its clones. I hear enough boring, pointless chit-chat when I reach the House of Commons.

Instead, I read the New Yorker over my cornflakes.

The predominant majority of the population do not listen to Radio 4's flagship programmes because they do not even know they exist. Quite a lot of people are unaware that there even is a Radio 4. Some, heaven forfend, may not even be aware of the existence of John Humphrys. Their lives proceed in comparative tranquillity without Radio 4 so much as impinging on their con-

sciousness. The BBC strike, far from causing inconvenience to most of the public, will not even be noticed by the great mass of the population. That is really why the Broadcasting House bosses are so upset by this industrial action. Their secret fear is that even more people will get used to doing without the BBC's allegedly indispensable core services, and that the justification for the regretted poll tax known as the licence will diminish further.

As for me, I would like to think that this desirable trend would continue and, indeed, accelerate. Why not merge not only Radio 3 and Radio 4, but Radio 1, Radio 2 and Radio 5 (alive or dead) as well? That would reduce, exponentially, the scope for broadcasting stream-of-consciousness tosh of all kinds. It would cut the BBC down to size. Sounds like a topic worth discussing on the Today programme.

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"Norman Lamont is after my job," according to Tory Euro leader Edward McMillan-Scott, as reported in Wednesday's Daily Telegraph. "Not helpful," was the Boy Wonder's response to this accusation. "Not true," was former Tory MP Lamont's perfect for Norman.

riposte. But what is true is that Lamont would like to become a leading Eurosceptic MP in Strasbourg. The problem is finding somewhere in this country that will elect to send him off to the land of champagne and odd

cigarettes. Pandors has learned that Lamont, whose former scat was Harrogate and Knaresborough in Yorkshire and who claims northern roots, believes the North East is his best bet. A call to the Tory campaign office in the

Yorkshire region produced the news that six out of seven of the Conservative prospective candidates have now been selected. Pandora was told that the candidate in the seventh slot "has little chance of succeeding" in an election that will be based on Proportional Representation. Sounds

Pecking order

At the Opera Terrace restaurant in Covent Garden earlier this week, Labour's "New Deal" employment scheme was on proud show. Kim Education & Employment, shook hands with the fledgling chefs whose jobs have been underwritten by the scheme. The mood of genial egalitarianism only lasted matil lunch the inherent production scheduling

began. At that point, "big fish" and "little" fish were separated, with the Government VIPS sitting down to three courses while the lowly trainces tucked into just one plate. New Deal?

Stop action

The BBC's fly-on-the-wall series The Human Body looks sure to stimulate at least one part of its audience's Howells, Under Secretary of State for anatomy: lots of eyebrows will be raised. The climactic episode won't be screened until later in June when the cameras record a dying man's last moments, Pandora was intrigued by

be sure that they would not miss some of the most controversial footage ever screened on British TV? BBC press officer Susanna Frayn was suspicious when asked to explain. "As if we needed any more publicity," she complained. But she did reveal that the corpse in question, Herbert Mowes, had been a particularly co-operative subject. On the fatal morning, he told his wife that that he believed his time had come. The crew were summoned, set up their equipment around his bed and departed, leaving the cameras rolling. Thus was death demystified and with some degree of privacy.

Presiey lives

Lisa Marie Presley has just signed a deal to record her first album of he proud of his princess.

problems. How could the camera crew songs. The record company is Java Records, in a co-production with Capitol, and is owned by a man, Glen Ballard, who has in the past produced angst queen Alanis Morrisette and co-wrote Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror". "Lisa will make an artistic statement that is unique and compelling," Ballard said in a statement an-

nouncing the deal. He must see something everyone else has heretofore missed, for Lisa Marie's former busband, Jacko, pulled every string in his professional quiver trying to obtain a recording contract for her.

When you consider a record by Elvis's daughter is sure to sell to lans on novelty value alone, it seems bizzare that her debut has been so long in coming. Can't wait to hear it. Pandora is sure The King would FRIDA

City economists and exporters condemn quarter-point rise

THE BANK of England's surprise decision yesterday to increase rates by 0.25 per cent prompted share price falls and drew fire from both industry figures and the bulk of City econ-

The blue-chip FTSE 100 share index fell by 50 points af-ter the Bank raised rates from 7.25 per cent to 7.5 per cent, but regained some of its losses later in the day to close down 37.6 points at 5860.8.

The pound shot up by almost 2 pfennigs immediately following the announcement, but slipped in late trading to finish the day at DM2.898, down 0.45 pfennigs.

The Bank's move coincided with the publication of two separate studies suggesting the economy was continuing to slow.

City economists had been predicting the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) joined for the first time this month by John Vickers, the Bank's new chief economist would leave interest rates unchanged for the seventh successive month. Most - but not all - City economists were critical of the surprise interest rate hike, saying it could lead to a

"hard landing" for the economy. The Bank justified its decision by evidence of a rise in the rate of private sector earnings as well as the sterling's relative weakness in recent months. In a statement, the Bank said: "Inflationary pressures appear greater than in the May projection, and the need for a slowdown in domestic demand

growth has become more

Simon Briscoe at Nikko Europe said: "The MPC confounded market opinion and logic by raising rates this month. It is a rate rise that the Bank could regret in the months ahead if the economy slows sharply."

Mr Briscoe's view was shared by Richard Taylor, deputy chief economist at the Royal Bank of Scotland, who called the rise "unexpected and unnecessary". Mr Taylor said: "The risk of this strategy is that it may rekindle interest in sterling and bring further misery for manufacturing in-

Ciaran Barr, senior UK economist at Deutsche Bank, was among those in the City who approved. He said: "The justification for raising rates was a valid one." However, Mr Barr said MPC members could have done more to prepare the City for a possibility of a rate rise, perhaps by injecting a more "hawkish" tone into recent public speeches. "Taking the markets by surprise will have won the Bank few friends," commented Mr Barr.

The decision prompted angry reactions from UK manufacturers. The strong pound has tipped manufacturing into recession, and many economists believe yesterday's rate rise

Ian Campbell, director general of the Institute of Export, said the rate rise was "a slap in the face for the UK's exporters." Neither the detailed reasoning behind the Bank's deci-



The Monetary Policy Committee gathers yesterday before deciding to raise rates

sion nor the voting record of the nine MPC members will be known for another six weeks, when the minutes of the meeting are published. However, this did not stop intense market speculation about the identity of the "hawks" on the committee who voted for a rate rise.

The voting behaviour of John Vickers, who joined the MPC this week, prompted the most comment. Mr Vickers, a former Oxford University professor renowned more for his regulatory expertise than his will prolong sterling's strength. views on monetary policy, is widely believed to have voted

for a rate rise. Economists at Nikko Europe said: "We would guess that new boy Vickers voted for a rise: as chief economist he probably has sympathies with the Bank's economists' concerns about earnings growth and sterling weakness."Speculation also focused on Professor Charles Goodhart, a former hawk who

In evidence to the Treasury Select Committee last month, Professor Goodhart said he had switched sides because of weaker than expected earnings growth as well as the appreciation of the exchange rate earlier this year. However, in recent months,

became a dove in April.

the trends on both average earnings - one of the key indicators for the MPC - and exchange rates have been reversed, prompting speculation that Professor Goodhart could have once again sided

Average earnings in January rose 4.5 per cent, far more than expected, although the Office for National Statistics has said at least some of the rise is attributable to one-off effects such as bonus payments. If both Mr Vickers and Pro-

fessor Goodhart voted for a rate hike, and assuming the three MPC members who wanted a rate rise in April again sided with the hawks, the MPC would have voted five to four in favour of a rate rise.

Some economists speculated that the minutes of the meeting - due to be published on 15 July - could reveal that as many as eight of the nine MPC the latest CBI distributive trades survey and the 3i "Enmembers voted for a rate rise.

One said: "Eddie George may not have been comfortable finding himself in the minority. If he switched to the hawks, the rest of Bank staff may have voted with him." In April, Mr George, Governor of the Bank of England, voted to keep rates on hold, as did David Clementi, deputy governor, Ian Plenderleith, executive director of the Bank, Professor Goodhart and DeAnne Julius, former chief

economist at British Airways. Mervyn King, deputy Bank governor, Sir Alan Budd and Professor Willem Buiter voted to raise rates.

The Bank's decision coin-

terprise Barometer".

Photograph: John Voos

The CBI survey showed that although growth in annual retail sales volumes held up in May, the underlying trend in sales growth was still relatively weak. Sudhir Junankhar, CBI's associate director of economic analysis, said: "The survey suggests that retailers do not expect their prices to pick up any further, which is good news for the inflation outlook".

The survey by 3i, the venture capital group, showed falling confidence in the independent business sector, with manufacturers more gloomy than providers of services.

By Trevor Webster

this summer.

BTG, which was privatised in

1995 to develop and market

new technologies as a quoted

company, is planning to unlock

a significant part of its future

value for shareholders by de-

merging and floating off its

most valuable business,

Torotrak is likely to be

alued around £400m on the

strength of its revolutionary

new automatic car transmission

system, which can cut fuel con-

sumption by 20 per cent and

make a serious impact on ex-

haust emissions. It has already

been licensed to seven of the

world's biggest vehicle manu-

facturers, including Toyota and

Ford, and also has five devel-

opment contracts.

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float for car

BTG plans £400m

cosworth sale aids VV n Rolls fight

informative:

By Peter Thal Larsen

PILKINGTON, the troubled glass-maker, plans to sack another 1.500 workers in the coming 12 months in an attempt to restore its fortunes.

The move will take the total number of jobs lost as part of the restructuring package, announced last autumn to 7.500. About 400 jobs will be lost in Australia while the rest will fall in Europe, Paolo Scaroni, Pilkington's chief executive, said vesterday.

He said the move would help reduce costs in the group's float glass manufacturing plants, lifting productivity levels to those of its nearest com-

"If you are not competitive in float you die. Mr Scaroni said, pointing out that the planned cuts would lift Pilkington's productivity per worker. "If we can achieve that we will be as good as our competitors. We will be in the pack."

He said that the company had already shed 3,500 of its workforce as part of plans it announced last autumn. The remainder of the jobs will go in the coming year.

The additional cuts raised the amount that Pilkington had to set aside for restructuring from £194m to £225m. The



Paolo Scaroni: Says the cuts will lift productivity

charge, which covers the cost of all the planned job losses, pulled the group into the red last year. It posted a pre-tax loss of £100m in the year to March, compared to a profit of £77m in the previous year.

Pilkington held its full-year dividend at 5p per share. However, the shares slipped 7p to 135.5p.

Mr Scaroni said his plans would increase Pilkington's productivity in float glass manufacturing by 40 per cent, while lifting efficiency in automotive glass by 22 per cent. He said the group had already achieved half of those gains.

Despite the cutbacks, the company is still investing in new plants. It is building new lines in Spain, Belgium, Poland and

1,500 more go Railtrack demands charges at Pilkington deal to finish Tunnel link

By Michael Harrison

RAILTRACK dropped a bombshell on the Government yesterday by warning that it was unlikely to build both phases of the £5.5bn Channel Tunnel Rail Link if the forthcoming review of its rail access charges proved too harsh.

The warning came just 24 hours after the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, struck an agreement with Railtrack to rescue the 68-mile link and cast fresh doubt on whether construction of the line all the way into London's St Pancras sta-

tion would be completed.

By Michael Harrison

THE consortium selected by the

Government to take over Eu-

rostar services to Paris and

Brussels faces an anti-trust in-

vestigation by European Com-

mission competition authorities.

line, is set to file a complaint

alleging that the consortium,

headed by British Airways and

the coach group National Ex-

press, will unfairly dominate

the travel market between

EasyJet, the low-cost air-

Railtrack has agreed to

phase of the link to Fawkham Junction in Kent for £1.5bn. But its chief executive Gerald Corbett said the option to complete the second stage into London at a cost of £1.8bn would be contingent on the outcome of the regulatory review into its charging formula from 2001 on-

Mr Corbett denied that this was tantamount to blackmailing the Government and the Rail Regulator John Swift. "It is not blackmail at all. It is prudent financial management," he said. Railtrack's financial direc-

London, Paris and Brussels.

run Eurostar is like putting

Herod in charge of a kinder-

garten." EasyJet said in a state-

National Express will have an

"economic interest" in 90 per

cent of the market, which is es-

timated at 15 million passengers

a year. BA is the biggest single

airline operator between Lon-

don and Paris with an estimat-

ed 40 per cent of the market,

ment yesteday.

"Allowing British Airways to

Virgin claims that BA and

tor, Norman Broadhurst, added that if the Rail Regulator "decided to do a British Gas build and then acquire the first

on us" then it would have to relinquish the second phase and concentrate on its core busi-

Failure to build the second phase would be a severe blow as it would limit the saving on journey times to just 15 minutes and rob the Government of all the added economic benefits that a completed link would

Under Railtrack's current pricing formula, the charges it levies on train operating companies for access to the rail network must fall by 2 per cent a vear in real terms. Railtrack has easily met this target while making increased profits. Last

while National Express is the

prime operator of coach ser-

A Virgin spokesman said it

was still considering whether to

join easyJet in making a formal

complaint to the European

Competion Commissioner

Karel Van Miert. He added that

Brussels would be duty-bound

National Express will ini-

to examine the deal anyway.

tially have a 40 per cent stake

in the Eurostar operation and

BA a 10 per cent interest. The

vices to Paris and Brussels

year profits rose 12 per cent to £388m on access charges of £2.1bn.

Railtrack will argue that the forthcoming review of charges, covering a five-year period from 2001, must not be any harsher or it will not be able to afford its investment programme, now £1.45bn a year.

Railtrack's access charges from Eurostar services are currently running at £35m a year but they will rise to about £120m a year when the first phase of the high-speed link enters service in 2003 and to about £330m once the line is complete into central London.

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pressed to investigate Eurostar

SNCF and SNCB, would have the other 50 per cent. But BA's stake would rise to 35 per cent once it has regulatory approval.

French and Belgian railways,

line services. Virgin alleges this could result in unfair pricing. European Commission officials were cautious about whether the selection of the Eurostar consortium would harm

fair competition.

Together the 12 agreements The consortium said that it would seek to integate Eurostar with coach, bus and air-

Australia (S)

cover 40 per cent of world production of transmission units. With BTG's stock market value around £645m and City

analysts estimating Torotrak to be around 55 per cent of the total business, news of the float immediately unlocked some value for shareholders yesterday. BTG shares shot up 33.5p

transmission unit BTG shareholders will receive one Torotrak share for each share they hold in the parent company and the group will simultaneously raise £50m through an issue of new shares to allow Torotrak to carry its de-

THE REACTION

Torotrak, on the stock market around 2003. BTG will keep a share of under 10 per cent, comprising a share stake and a share of future revenues.

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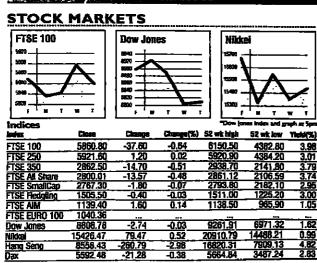
Torotrak's board has already been beefed up with a new board headed by ex-General Motors executive David Wallis as chairman, with a finance director, product engineering director and three non-executives. The demerger documents will be published in a fortnight's time and share dealings in Torotrak should start on 14 July.

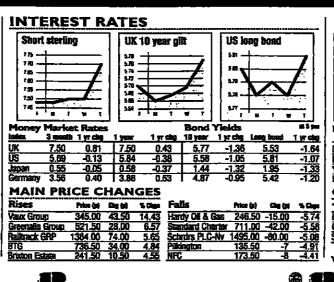
News of the Torotrak flotation came as BTG published results for the year to March showing a rise in losses from £2.7m to £9m, due to lower revenues from its magnetic resonance imaging system and the Pyrethrin insecticide, plus increased development spending on Torotrak

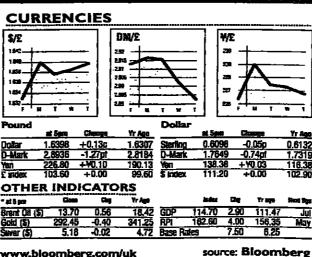
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Yesterday in the markets

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Netherlands (guilders)	3.1596
New Zealand (S)	2.9910
Norway (Igone)	11.85
Portugal (escudos)	284.42
Saudi Arabia (dais)	5.9644
Singapore (\$)	2.6208
Spain (pesetas)	237.63
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OUTLOOK ON THE CHORUS OF COMPLAINT ABOUT THE BASE RATE RISE. BRITAIN'S PLACE IN THE **ECONOMIC LEAGUE** TABLES, AND THE HIDDEN EXTRAS IN THE RAIL LINK RESCUE

It's only a quarter-point, but it could be crucial

IT HAS taken them six months longer than it should have, but the Monetary Policy Committee has finally plucked up the courage to increase borrowing costs in the face of the near-united opposition of industry, unions, politicians and more than half the City. The degree of complaint yesterday was out of all proportion to the impact a quarter-point rate rise will have on the economy.

This almost certainly reflected the shock of any upward move at all, given that none was expected after last month's exceptionally dovish Inflation Report. After all, the MPC took no action after February's hawkish report. Many in the City will therefore have been caught out in the futures market.

Yet, as the Bank has been careful to point out over and over again, the policy decision has remained finely balanced. Since January the balance, for the committee, has tilted towards inaction. This month it tilted the other way, prompting the MPC to make a pre-emptive move against pay pressures and a domestic economy that remains robust despite signs of impending slowdown.

The fascinating question for Bankwatchers is exactly how that balance was reflected in the votes on the committee. Most leapt to the conclusion that Charles Goodhart changed his mind back to favouring a rate rise because of the latest disappointing earnings figures, and that the new kid on the block, John Vickers, turned out to be a hawk too.

If so, the professors outvoted the rest -with Eddie George in the minority group. But it is hard to imagine the Governor would want to find himself on the losing side of a vote, and he might have changed his mind too.

Whatever the voting arithmetic, yesterday's small move will not have a big direct impact on the economy. Its indirect effects will depend on how sterling reacts over the next few days rather than the first few minutes. Once over the initial shock, the markets might yet conclude that UK interest rates have now peaked. They might even decide the Bank's hawks are right about medium-term inflationary dangers.

And while life is no picnic for manufacturers, other less vocal parts of the economy are slowing only very gently. Some sectors, like IT and construction, are sure to boom until the millennium. A quarterpoint rate rise will not be enough to make the difference between a soft landing and a hard one for the economy but will, with luck, make the difference between missing the inflation target and hitting it.

Are we really that competitive?

MANY ARE going to find it hard to take seriously a competitiveness league table which ranks the economies of Malaysia and Thailand above those of France, Germany, Spain and Italy. Did not the capital markets rather decisively vote these former tiger economies as rotten to the core in the Far Eastern meltdown of last year, or was that all just an aberration? However, provided you accept the

World Economic Forum's annual Global Competitiveness Report, the latest edition of which was published yesterday. for what it is, then its findings are a not unuseful addition to the legion of competing international economic assessments that struggle for attention each year. The WEF report doesn't pretend to be a conventional assessment of what is happening in economies around the world. Instead it attempts to assess their potential for growth and prosperity. Rather pleasingly, the UK has in recent years soared up the league table, rising from seventh

place to fourth in the last year alone.

That puts us way ahead of many conventionally strong economies - notably Japan and Germany. Instead, we are up there with the turbo-charged US economy and, er, rather less flatteringly, with Hong Kong and Singapore. The factors that make us so are largely down to the labour and capital market reforms of the Thatcherite years. Countries like Germany and France score highly on infrastructure. technology and management, but they score poorly on labour flexibility and government policy. The more open and free market orientated an economy, the more likely it is to gain a high ranking in the WEF survey.

Rather less weight is given to the great German economic attributes - high levels of productivity and manufacturing capability - than perhaps ought to be. The WEF survey, for instance, is a total contrast to the one commissioned by the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, which showed British levels of productivity seriously trailing those of Germany and France, not just in manufacturing, but in the service sectors too. Furthermore, if Britain is truly as competitive as the WEF rankings make out, then our exchange rate, even at 3 marks to the pound and higher, could hardly be viewed as a gross overvaluation. Few people in British industry would agree with that thesis.

The real importance of the WEF survey, however, is that it probably reflects international business perceptions of what makes for a healthy economy better than any other. The competitiveness rankings incorporate a survey of senior executives from around the world and they almost without exception rate us very highly.

Perceptions are often very different from reality, of course, but don't knock it; as every job hunter knows, it is as important to be thought of as a desirable property as actually to be one. Gordon Brown, who has a tendency to run down the UK economy at every available opportunity, would do well to take a leaf out of his predecessor's book, and trumpet our labour and capital market advantages as much as he can to the international business community. It's worth a fortune in inward investment.

Railtrack springs its trap

THERE IS, as they say, no such thing as a free lunch. Yesterday John Prescott discovered the hidden extras that come with the bill when you sit down to dine

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and Reinsurance Market As-

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gether under the new banner of

the International Underwriters

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with Railtrack. The deal to rescue the Channel Tunnel Rail Link already looked a mite generous to its new private developers. They get the benefit of the Government's lower cost of borrowing. And the taxpayer picks up the tab if the CTRL fails to live up to expectations.

Now Railtrack has added another dish to the menu. Without resorting to anything as coarse as blackmail, Railtrack has made it clear that it will only complete the CTRL if it gets an easy ride in the forthcoming review of its access charges.

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The Deputy Prime Minister presumably saw this man-trap coming. Even so, Railtrack's chairman Sir Bob Horton has sprung it with impeccable timing. Railtrack will guarantee the first phase of the link to Fawkham Junction in Kent. But it will not have to decide on its option to build the second and more important phase into central London until the new price controls take effect in 2001.

The instinct of all regulators is to look at the efficiency gains made during the initial price control period and then impose a large one-off price cut at the start of the next period to compensate consumers.

If the rail regulator does this, then Railtrack has intimated that the Government will have to find someone else to build the remainder of the link. The alternatives do not look very appetising. Either the Govcroment will be left with a half-built railway line just as it is preparing to go to the polls. Or it will have to settle for a soft set of price controls that could translate into fare increases for the travelling public. Not a choice to relish.

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Cosworth sale aids VW in Rolls fight

By Michael Harrison

THE GERMAN car maker Volkswagen yesterday strengthened its hand in the bid battle for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars by clinching a deal to buy Cosworth, the company that sup- two-door Bentley and would plies engines to the luxury car become the supplier of V12 enmaker, for £120m in cash.

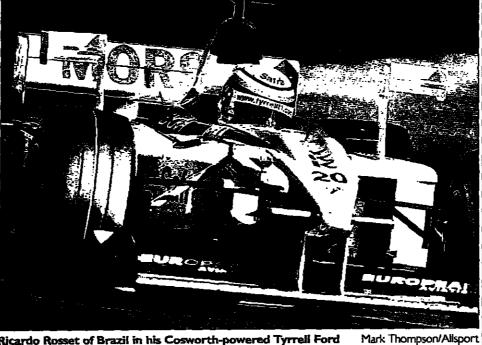
The deal with Vickers, the parent company of Cosworth the Bentley Arnage, if the VW and Rolls-Royce, came hours Sale of Rolls-Royce to VW. Last night the likelihood of

ahead of a shareholders meeting today to approve the £430m

a rival bid emerging for Rolls-Royce from Crewe Motors, a consortium of enthusiasts, appeared to have faded away.

Cosworth currently manufactures the V8 engine for the gines for the new Rolls-Royce models, the Silver Seraph and takeover goes through. Cosworth would also supply highperformance engines for the VW subsidiary Audi.

BMW, which has been vying



Ricardo Rosset of Brazil in his Cosworth-powered Tyrrell Ford

with VW for control of Rolls- the Cosworth deal as "excellent Royce, has said it will end its news for all concerned" and contract to supply engines for said it underlined the case for

VW has pledged to quadruple production at Rolls-Royce's Crewe factory and invest at Rolls-Royce being approved. least £300m over the next five years. The deal to buy Cosworth would take VW's total outlay to almost £600m.

the two models if Rolls-Royce

falls to its German rival.

Northampton-based Cosworth employs 1,200 workers and made profits of £6m on sales of £117m last year. Apart from Rolls-Royce, it supplies engines to three Formula One teams, including Ford-Tyrrell, and engines for Ford rally cars. It also makes cylinder heads for the Jaguar XX8 and engine components for Ford and Perkins.

Sir Colin Chandler, the chairman of Vickers, described

shareholders to approve the sale of Rolls-Royce to VW. The sale of Cosworth to VW is conditional upon its bid for

The two deals will leave Vickers with just its Challenger tank defence division and a marine propulsion business. Last year these contributed operating profits of £48m on sales of £640m. Group profits were £78m on turnover of £1.1bn.

Michael Shrimpton, the head of Crewe Motors, was maintaining yesterday that its intention was to put a formal bid on the table before Vickers shareholders assemble at 10.00am this morning to vote on VW's offer. Analysts believe its chances of pulling off a suc-

It's Time... for the

UK's Best Buy

By Terry Macalister

THE Institute of London Un-

derwriters, whose members

wrote the insurance policies on

the Titanic, is poised to become

a casualty itself after 114 years.

one of the other trade associ-

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£10,000+ (Unsecured)	11.75%	N/A		
£10,000+ (Secured)	11.25%	N/A		
(All Tailored Loans agreed on or ofter 3/11/97 increased by 0.25%)		1		
Bridging Loan	12.25%	N/A		
Premium Unsecured	12.25%	12,96%		
Premium Secured	11.25%	11.85%		
Special Unsecured	17.00%	18.39%		
Special Secured	16.00%	17.23%		
Standard Unsecured	22.25%	24.67%		
Standard Secured	21.25%	23.45%		
Gold Plus	12.25%	12.96%		
Professional Trainee	l	1		
Loon Scheme (greed prior)	8.00%	N/A		
Graduate Overdraft	9.75%	10.20%		
Graduate Loan	8.75%	N/A		
Advantage Premier Overdraft	10.25%	10.74%		
Advantage Premier Loan	70.00%	N/A		
Trainee Solicitor Group Loan	8.00%	N/A		
All regulated consumer credit agreements are varied accordingly.				

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A RUNNING series on Diana, Princess of Wales, provided a one-off boost to the cirulation of the Daily Mail earlier this year, the paper's owner said yesterday. Daily Mail & General Trust said that a 12-part series on Diana, written by the former royal correspondent Richard Kay, had lifted sales of the Mail's Saturday edition by as much as 500,000 copies while it was running. This helped DMGT's national and regional newspaper operations report an 11 per cent jump in turnover to £485m for the year to March. Group turnover was £658m, up from £545m, while pre-tax profits jumped 24 per cent to £81.1m.

ITNET valued at £246m

INFORMATION technology supplier ITNET will be valued at £246m when its shares are placed on the stock market shortly at 350p each. Dealings are expected to start next Friday, 12 June. The pricing of the shares at 350p means the former in-house IT provider of Cadbury Schweppes will raise £125.8m from its placing of 35.9 million shares. It will keep £28.6m to repay debts and provide funds for investment. IT-NET boosted its operating profits from £4.86m to £5.95m in 1997 on a turnover of £81.7m against £68.7m previously.

Credit warning over EMU

A LEADING credit rating agency has warned it could downgrade Belgium and Italy's sovereign debt rating over fears that European Monetary Union (EMU) could precipitate a financial crisis in high debt economies. Fitch IBCA said EMU participants with relatively low debt levels could benefit from a "flight to quality" once all particpating Member States are obliged to issue bonds in ecus. Bond issues by relatively high debt economies, such as Belgium and Italy, could become less attractive to investors, and this, in turn, "would increase the risks of a financial crisis", the agency said.

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BELLWINCH, the South of England housebuilder, has agreed a 30p-a-share bid from rival housebuilder, Kier, which values it at £13.5m. Earlier this week Kier acquired a 23.6 per cent stake in Bellwinch and said it was considering making an offer for the whole company. It has now received undertakings to accept its offer from holders of an additional 37.3 per cent of Bellwinch shares. Kier says the acquisition should be positive for earnings.

US delay for ICI sale

ICT's £277m sale of its Crosfield business to WR Grace, which was announced in April, will be delayed until the third quarter of this year after a request for further information from the US Federal Trade Commission. Both ICI and Grace are confident the deal will be completed.

Vaux responds to bid approach

By Clifford German

THE THREAT of further brewery closures loomed yesterday after Vaux, the Sunderland-based brewer and owner of the Swallow hotel chain, confirmed an unsolicited approach from an unidentified company looking to make an agreed bid.

Its chairman, Sir John Nicholson, repeated his belief in the group's potential and prospects and asked the company's financial advisers, Nobie Grossart, to seek further details.

But the group is considered vulnerable to a hostile bid. The recently appointed chief executive Martin Grant has yet to join the group and the shares, which have underperformed the stock market heavily over the last two years jumped 45p

The most likely bidders are thought to be Stakis and American Patriot, and the main target is almost certainly the hotels, which have performed strongly, increasing profits by 14 per cent to £12.1m in the six months to 31 March, and contributed 75 per cent of the group total.

The brewing and pub side of the business has been badly squeezed by the heavy investment by the national brewery chains and the fast-growing pub companies, and could be vulnerable in the event of a break-up. Vaux owns the Ward brewery in Sheffield as well as the Vaux brewery in Sunderland and has a tied estate of 843 pubs, of which 178 are managed. | ror Group by reporting that it was | Springer stated | it was consid-



a 27 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £6m before reorganisation costs and property sales in the year to 28 March. Turnover rose 3.6 per cent to £78.56m. The dividend is up 5.6 per cent to 16.05p.

Hardy prepares · ** to ***-to raise £80m

By Terry Macalister

HARDY Oil & Gas yesterday myeiled plans to raise £80m via a rights issue but admitted that plans to spend some of the cash in Pakistan could be hit by

Hardy will use the new money to support a £300m spendng programme over the next five years, of which £60m is earmarked for Pakistan.

But nuclear testing by the Isamabad government has led the US to impose a moratorium on multilateral aid. "So far none of our business there is covered by sanctions but obviously if the embargo broadens it could affect out investment," said John van der Welle, finance director. ture with the US offshore Analysts also expressed fears

schemes could move ahead. There are no US partners with Hardy but it could be hard to find banks willing to support such projects," said one.

The small independent has made an exciting gas find on the Sawan concession in Pakistan. It indicated there could be as much as one to two trillion cubic feet of gas there.

The investment programme is split between Pakistan, Australia and the UK North Sea. Off Britain, Hardy is busy with the development of the Elgin and Franklin fields.

The company is hoping to build up further field opportunities by forming a new joint venservices giant Halliburton. The joint venture with Hardy.

about how quickly the Pakistan two partners plan to deploy a new form of subsea technology. called AlphaPRIME, which, it is said, could cut costs by as much as \$3 per barrel.

But its choice of Halliburton Energy Development as a partner could prove controversial. The US company has worried some clients by competing for oil company business. Halliburton has taken equity stakes in the Sangu field alongside Caim Energy and the Fyne field with Monument Oil & Gas. This has led to accusations that it is competing with customers.

A spokesman for Halliburton admitted he was "aware of this argument" and agreed his company might increase its equity stakes yet further through the

Springer eyes UK market

By Peter Thai Larsen

AXEL SPRINGER, the German newspaper publisher which is lining up a bid for Mirror Group, said yesterday that the UK was the most attractive newspaper market in the world.

market is the best in Europe, if not in the world," Springer's chief executive, Gus Fischer, said. "I do not want to be the last to go there."

Meanwhile, the group confirmed that it has the financial muscle to launch a bid for Mir-

debt-free. Revealing its results for 1997, Springer pointed out that it had liquid assets of DM686m (£237m), while its long-term debt stands at DM246m. Cash flow also improved last year.

Mr Fischer said it was essential for Springer's newspaper "The British newspaper and magazine business to become more international. The group, which publishes the daily newspapers Die Welt and Bild plus a host of regional newspapers and consumer magazines. currently generates just 13 per cent of its turnover from outside Germany. Two weeks ago

PACKARD

ering a bid for Mirror Group, but has yet to table a firm offer. Mirror's shares slipped 0.5p to 232.5p to yesterday.

The group said revenues for the first five months of the year were "satisfactory". However, it warned that earnings could be affected by "investments in new titles and equity holdings, as well as restructuring measures."

In 1997, increased sales revenues, lower start-up costs for new titles and the sale of its stake in TV station DSF helped Springer's profits rise by 29

COMPANY	RESUL	rs		
	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Aksproog Paralters (F)	92.1m (86.1m)	6.92m (6.86m)	19.2p (17.4p)	7.38p (6.4p)
Boots (F)	5.02bn (4.57bn)	431.9m (571.1m)	29.0p (42.9p)	22.3p (20.5p)
BTE (F)	19.8m (22.5m)	-8.99m (-2.73m)	-10.03p (-3.31p) 0.92p (0.88p)
Dully Hall & Gen. Trust (1)657.8m (545.0m)	81.1m (65.6m)	46.2p (27.8p)	8.0p (7.0p)
Helical Bar (S)	214.4m (100.5m)	18.5m (12.03m)	55.6p (31.6p)	9.0p (8.0p)
Loudge Securities (F)	- (-)	0.732m (0.738m)	9.9p (11.0p)	2.0p (2.0p)
Loudnar (F)	34.4m (26.1m)	4.9m (3.7m)	18.4p (16.9p)	7.3p (7.0p)
Maskie hei (F)	16.0m (12.6m)	-11.65m (-7.16m)	-42.2p (+56.9p)	nii.
Maetor (F)	10.8m(25.6m)	-0.960m (-0.373n	n) -8.6p (-4.1p)	d ·
Personal Hember Co. (F)	2.8m (2.7m)	-0.304m (-0.834n	n) -1.96p (-10.0p) nii
Pilkington (F)	2.70bn (2.91bn)	-100.0m (77.0m)	-17.4p (0.2p)	5.0p (5.0p)
Powell Dullryn (F)	721.2m (821.4m)	38.1m (29.8m)	30.1p (15.3p)	25.0p (25.0p)
Sedgemeor (F)	67.8m (59.7m)	12.3m (8.13m)	5.4p (3.3p)	1.5p (2.0p)
Subcera (F)	39.4m (34.6m)	-6.58m (1.01m)	-8.9p (1.5p)	0.28p (0.1p)
Southern Electric (F)	1.77bn (1.76bn)	248.7m (255.5m)	5.1p (39.1p)	23.7p (21.5p)
3I (F)	- (-)	124.0m (195.6m)	19.2p (16.0p)	10.3p (9.2p)
TLG (F)	392.9m (383.9m)	24.8m (22.1m)	8.8p (8.0p)	4.6p (4.3p)
Young & Co's Brewery(F)	78.55m (75.80m)	5.681m (5.424m)	30.91p (28.96p)	16.05p 15.20p)
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Boots card proves a major advantage

IT IS slightly curious that Boots got so much praise yesterday for the success of its loyalty card. After all. Lord Blyth. Boots' chairman. sat on the fence for ages, while other retailers showed what a piece of plastic could do for their turnover, before finally taking the plunge last September. Judging by the boost the Advantage card delivered to sales for the year to March, it's worth asking why Boots

didn't get it on the market earlier. This criticism aside, there's little doubt that the Advantage card has paid off. In just nine months Boots has issued 8 million of the cards, and over the year to March they accounted for 1.8 per cent of the growth in counter sales at Boots the Chemists. Apart from the profit that the card is generating. Boots also gets a wealth of information on spending patterns that it didn't have before.

The chemists chain remains the jewel in Boots' crown, producing like-for-like sales of more than 5 per cent. The Opticians branches, though a relatively small part of the group. 3i invests more than 10 per cent of its funds, stormed ahead with same store sales rising by a fifth. So it's not surprising to hear that the group is increasing its spending on the Opticians chains, while opening a further 30 superstores this year.

In other retail formats, however, success remains as elusive as ever. Halfords lifted likefor-like sales by just 3 per cent, although selling more own-brand goods helped boost profits by 28 per cent. Trading at DIY chain Do It All continued to be dull, with underlying sales up 6 per cent on a same-store basis. Ironically, the loyalty card has failed to catch on here and has been withdrawn.

Boots was keeping mum on reports that financial investors want to buy Do It All, though it would undoubtedly like to sell. However, Boots' growth - and its share price - will continue to depend on the performance of the chemists chain. On profit forecasts of £620m the shares, up 28.5p to 984p yesterday, trade on a forward multiple of 21. Still good value.

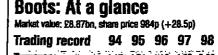
3i seeks high return from small firms

VENTURE capital group 3i has had a good run ever since it floated back in 1994. That's no surprise: the group's unique portfolio of quoted and unquoted companies has produced a compound annual return of 23 per cent over the period. In the year to last March the total return was 22.4 per cent on shareholders funds - an increase of 56 per cent on the previous year. Total assets rose by 19 per cent to £5.23bn and 3i invested over £1bn for the first time, increasing its UK market share.

That said, more capital is chasing buy-out opportunities, while the UK economy faces a slow-down. Even 3i's own barometer of industrial confidence went negative yesterday. raising the question of whether the group can sustain its performance.

It hopes to do so by concentrating on smaller companies, which have outperformed the top 100 shares since February. It is also focusing on services and technology firms where the prospects look better.

The outlook in Continental Europe, where



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Earnings per share 27.7 65.7 35.8 42.9 29.0

also looks bright.

The pace of new investment seems to have slowed slightly since the year-end but the performance of quoted companies since then ggests net asset value may have risen to around 615p. At 655p - up 5p yesterday - 3i shares are above that value. But stockbrokers Kleinwort Benson say the company deserves a premium as a manager of £1.3bn of outside money in addition to its own funds. The shares are a strong hold.

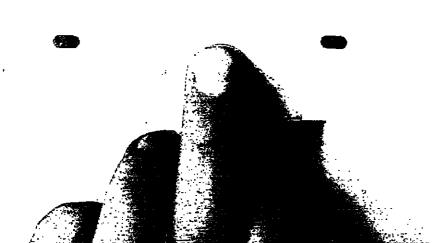
Inventive demerger gives BTG a lift

IN DECIDING to spin off Torotrak, its revolutionary transmission system, BTG is following a highly profitable tradition. Previously, privatised companies as diverse as National Grid and British Aerospace have done wonders for shareholders by demerging promising, but

separate, businesses on to the stock market. Torotrak highlights the value BTG can squeeze out of technologies. A business on which the group has spent £12m over 10 years will float with a value of close to £400m after raising £50m of new money. Given that the system is already being worked on by 12 of the world's leading car makers, there is plenty of

future promise for shareholders. But what is the rest of BTG worth? It will be left with more than 1,000 other technologies or inventions, including a host of biotech treatments already on the books of drug giants such as SmithKline and Zeneca. Not to mention a revolutionary artificial hip-cup, disposable contact lenses and an electronic bar-coding system. New revenue is rocketing and BTG should make a profit early in the next century.

Still, valuing this collection of inventions is tough, Kleinwort Benson, BTG's broker, reckons the existing portfolio is worth anything from £300m to £2bn, and Torotrak accounts for 55 per cent of the total. It is a wide range, but as yesterday's 34p share-price rise to 736.5p suggested, the demerger lifts the probable value of the portfolio. And the shares still look a better bet than other biotech and "future value" companies. Hold tight for the next millennium.



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Market takes the base rate rise in its stride

MARKET REPORT



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crease had been expected. prediction of a 1,630p target The stock market took the creating the greatest impact. shock uplift in its stride, de-

Committee meeting. At one time Footsie was down 77.6 points. It ended off a mere 37.6 at 5,860.8 with the modest base rate uplift largely ignored. Supporting shares were mixed although the mid cap index managed to produce a modest gain. Probably the worst hit were Government

at yesterday's Monetary Policy

stocks, off by around a point. flotation, had another express it and prospect upgradings

IT WAS as if the base rate in- went the rounds with a CSFB International hotel chain, is re-

Halifax, off 17p to 840p. ciding it was not such an un- had a difficult session. ABN expected move after all, and Amro, the Dutch owned inthen enjoyed pouring cold wa- vestment group, repeated its ter on all the twaddle produced sell advice. ABN's Robin by the highly paid economists Down said a fair value was which, to a man, had steadfastly around 700p a share. He is asserted rates would be pegged worried about the mortgage competition and has cut his 1990 forecast by more than £100m to £1.77bn.

Carlton Communications jumped 15p to 510p on Merrill Lynch support and a US road show. Engineer Siebe firmed to 1,342p as Salomon Smith Barney talked about the price reaching 1,650p.

Vaux, the Sunderlandbased brewer and hotelier, Railtrack, perhaps the was a major feature after it remost unpopular Tory share vealed a bid approach. Its Swallow hotels spread is run. The shares jumped 74p to thought to be the asset inter-1,348p, a peak, as the stock esting the predator, possibly market warmed to its rail link Stakis, down 2p to 135p. deal. A veritable host of prof- American Patriot, the group which acquired the Arcadian

garded as another possible jumped 24p to 736.5p as it duly predatory candidate.

Storehouse, following the Henderson Crosthwaite investment dinner, rose 5.5p to 280p, a 12-month high. Kingfisher, enjoying the HC treatment last night, fell 13p to

Bellwinch, the house builder, was unchanged at 28.5p as construction group Keir, with 23.6 per cent, decided not to dilly and dally but bid; it is offering 30p a share, pricing the group at £13.5m. Hardy Oil & Gas is tapping

shareholders for £79.1m and fell 15p to 246.5p. Martin International, a clothing group seeking £5.5m, lost 3p to 40p. Wiggins, the property developer with airport ambi-

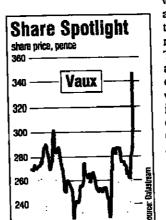
tions, hardened 1p to 14.75p after raising £1.45m through a placing which seems to have enlisted American William McCabe, who appears to be intent on furthering Wiggins' airport ambitions.

confirmed its plans to float its Torotrak transmissions unit.

Advertising group WPP was little changed at 423p. Martin Sorrell, chief executive, collected the fourth and final tranche of a multi-million pound pay-for-performance

package linked to the group's

share price. He received just



BTG, the licensing group, under £20m in WPP shares. It was, of course, Mr Sorrell's buying spree which, it could be argued, took WPP to the verge of bankruptcy.

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Quantica, a recruitment group representing the latest spin-off from Gartland Whallev & Barker, moved from a 124p placing to 150.5p.

Integrated Asset Management, the investment group which lost heavily in an abortive bid to buy Manchester stockbroker John Siddall, returned to market at 37.5p. The shares were frozen at around 130p for the Siddall deal which was destroyed when the Manchester business, in effect, went belly up. IAM, once largely Swiss owned, accompanied its return with a

£1.92m loss. Tradepoint, the stock market in miniature, continued to create worries. At one time the shares were down 7.5p to a 23.5p low, following a bargain at 24p for just 10,000. The price ended at 25p.

Luminar, the trendy pubs group, hit 925p, up 80p. Profits of the Chicago Rock Cafe chain surged 32 per cent. The

shares were 244p two years ago. Ronson, the luxury goods group, hardened 0.5p despite the departure of four non-

executive directors. Dean Corporation, the property services group. firmed 1.25p to 15p. Stockbroker Teather & Greenwood forecasts a sharp profits advance to £1.9m this year and then £3.5m. Analyst David Taylor feels that Dean, an attractive mix of business, is undervalued.

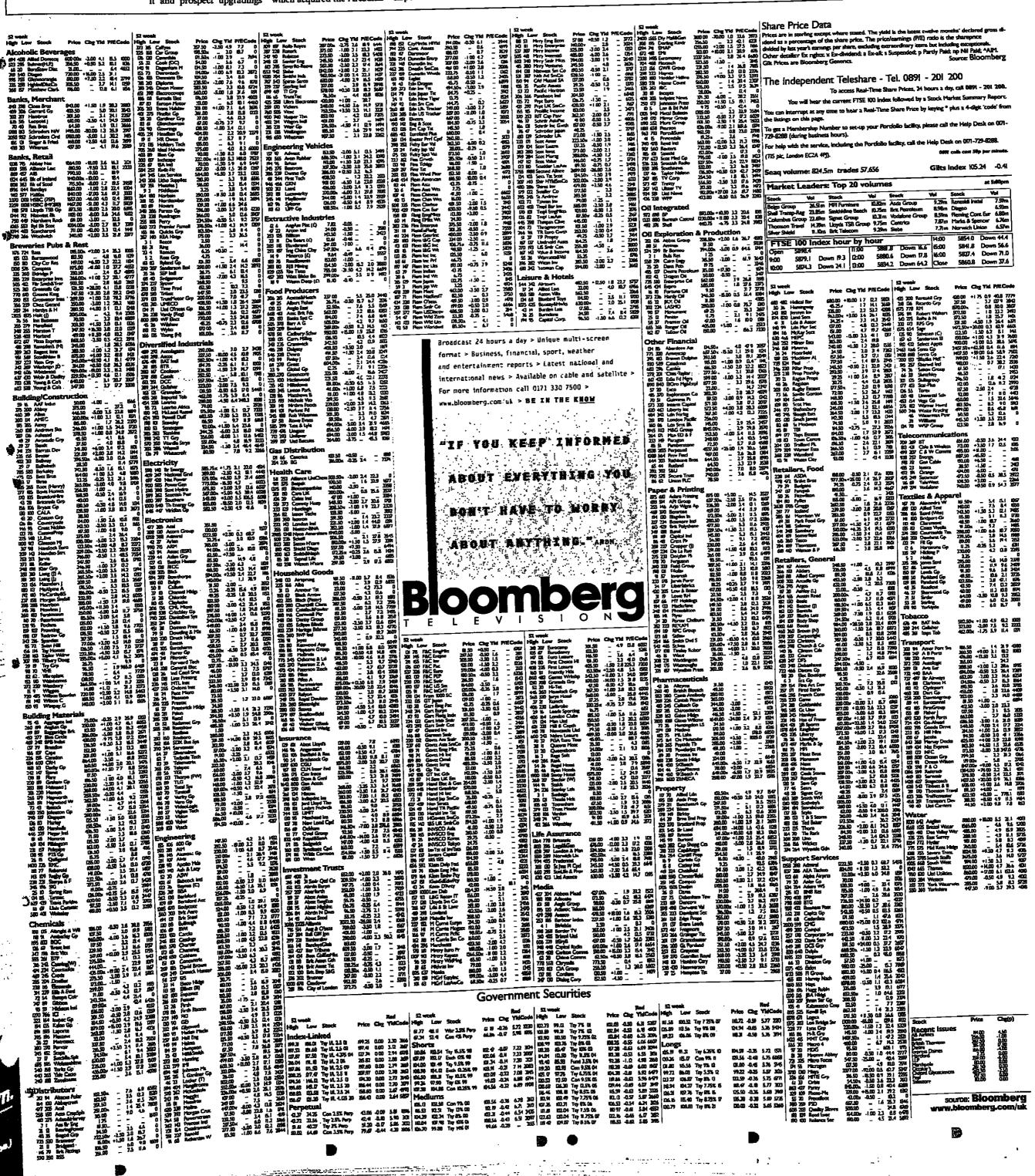
Little department store chain Upton & Southerns, which has endured a series of setbacks in recent years, edged ahead 0.25p to 3p. There are suggestions that the group, in urgent need of a dramatic development is near to completing a significant deal. In the past year the shares have managed to reach 3.75p; five years ago they touched 66.25p.

TAKING STOCK

MULTI Equipment Rental stretched to 13p from the 10p placing. The shares arrived on the market via Ellis & Partners, the stockbroker. The group hires out what is regarded as small industrial plant: profits last year were £312.000. Cost of achieving a full listing was around £250,000 - not far removed from the likely charge of getting an AIM presence.

COMINO, a computer group, has enjoyed a roller-coaster run in the past week. The shares rose 28p to 257.5p yesterday. Profits are due soon. They will comfortably exceed the £1.4m achieved last time. Around £1.9m is a conservative guess. In recent times the shares have touched 270p; they were 105p in November.

AZLAN, one of the few computer dunces, is at last perking up, helped by indications of more encouraging trading. The shares rose 7.5p to 62.5p, still along way from the 287p peak.



By Andrew Verity

THE Government is considering compelling all the country's self-employed to pay into a second pension as part of its wholesale review of pension policy, it emerged yesterday.

Responding to a report by the independent Pensions Provision Group, the DSS said it was looking at bringing the UK's 3.25 million self-employed into a revamped system of compulsory second pensions.

Harriet Harman, Social Security Secretary, said: "The report reinforces our view that there is a new role for the state in extending second-tier pensions to people who lose out."

A spokesman for her office later confirmed the DSS would consider forcing the self-employed to save by bringing them into the current system for employed people.

Options include compelling the self-employed to take out a "stakeholder pension", the new vehicle being developed as part of the government's reforms. Another option would be to bring some self-employed people within the state earn-

ings-related pension scheme. In its report published yesterday, the Pension Provision Group said more and more pensioners would be forced to

rely on income support if the Government left the existing pension system unchanged. All employed people are already compelled to save for a second tier pension - either Serps or a private scheme -

through national insurance.

But there is no such compulsion

for the self-employed. Tom Ross, chairman of the group, said: "We do question whether that level of compulsion which applies to employees cannot in the long term apply to the self-employed as well." He added it was difficult to defend the exclusion from Serps of the self-employed,

who were at greater risk of

poverty in retirement. Significantly, the group warned against forcing all employees to take out private, second-tier pensions. "The low-paid (and those not in paid work) cannot be expected to provide for themselves. This means that the state has an essential redistributive role. Compulsory private pensions are by no means the whole answer,

Most of the UK's self-employed still save nothing for retirement beyond the basic state pension, which now amounts to £64.70 a week for a single person. Personal pensions were not always suitable, the group said.

Peter Murray, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, called for all the self-employed to be compelled to join a stakeholder pension. He said they should be made to pay in at least 10 to 15 per cent of earnings above a certain

Quite frankly the majority of self-employed people who haven't got a large business to sell are not making any provision at all. That really is a recipe for disaster. It is most important that there is a properly structured system so that they can save for retirement," he said.

The Pensions Provision Group insisted a role for the state was both necessary and affordable, noting that the amount spent on state pensions will dwindle over the next three



The European Central Bank yesterday said Germany's Otmar Issing (above) will become its chief economist, a move analysts believe will help establish credibility at the fledgling institution. Mr Issing, chief economist at the Bundesbank, is expected to bring the German central bank's tough anti-inflation policies to the ECB, which will set interest rates for the Il countries adopting the single European currency next January. Mr Issing is a firm advocate of basing policy on monetary aggregates. "With Issing in the driver's seat, the ECB stands to get a big boost in credibility." said David Brown, economist at Bear Steams in London.

PEOPLE & **BUSINESS**

JOHN WILLCOCK



"ARISE, Sir Simon" ... It can't be too long before Simon Lewis, the suave, emollient spin doctor for Centrica, bags his knighthood, now that he's set to be the Queen's new spokesman.

Mr Lewis was unavailable for comment vesterday, but I understand from sources close to Buckingham Palace that the shortlist for a new head of communications has been whittled down and Simon's name heads the list.

Who better to "reposition" the monarchy for the new millennium? According to friends of his in the City, of whom there are many, Simon was already networking like mad whilst reading PPE at Brasenose College, Oxford, in 1978-81. Pals from that period describe him variously as "a terribly nice chap", "a fanatical Arsenal supporter" and "a terrible hypochondriac", in no particular order.

Happily married to Clare and a father of two, our hero resides in Highbury, and goes to the same church as Tony Blair did until the latter's progress to Downing Street. There are even suggestions that Simon shared the services of the future PM's cleaning lady.

Friends and critics alike are united in admiration of Simon's immaculate sense of timing. After a spell working for an American senator, Simon joined British PR firm Shandwick and was seconded to the SDP in its "Gang of Four" phase, when the centrist party looked like it might just achieve power. He then headed SG Warburg's PR effort, leaving before the investment bank fluffed a merger with Morgan Stanley and sold up to SBC.

He then went on to become Lord Alexander's bag-carrier at NatWest, again leaving before the solids hit the ventilation at its ill-fated investment banking arm.

Everything is going swimmingly at Centrica, of course, where Simon now enjoys an envi-

ably gargantuan "package". But one can't help fearing that Simon's eventual departure from his next job at the Palace will swiftly be followed by the declaration of a republic...

SAY WHAT you like about Howard Davies, the pugnacious chairman of the fledgling Financial Services Authority (FSA), but he certainly knows how to stir it. Mr Davies delivered a typically pungent speech at the London Arena in Docklands yesterday, declaring that London's financial community was expanding eastwards out of its historic boundaries in the Square Mile, and that the City fathers should welcome the new-found popularity of Canary Wharf as a home for financial institutions. The FSA, which was launched officially this week, is itself a recent arrival

at Canary Wharf. The speech should go down like a lead balloon with the Corporation. The City authorities are still smarting from the defection of HSBC, which is relocating over 8,000 cmployees from around the City to a single new tower block in Canary Wharf. Godfrey Bradman, the veteran property developer, led desperate last minute efforts to put together a rival scheme in the City, but HSBC preferred

Mr Davies took the opportunity of delivering the inaugural lecture for the Thames Gateway Partnership to rub salt in the wound. We are content to be among the pioneers, in moving our staff to Canary Wharf", he declared. "I believe the City Corporation is now recognising that the expansion of the City's frontiers eastwards is a sign of the City's success, and not an indication of failure."

Perhaps. But I'm sure the Corporation is keeping a cell ready for Mr Davies in the Tower of London if he ever deigns to venture

THE "shock" rate rise which caught just about everyone on the hop yesterday throws into sharp relief the struggle between the hawks and the doves on the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

Ian Amstad at BT Alex Brown has sought to cast light on the matter by rating the MPC members on their hawkishness on inflation on a scale of one (most opposed to a rate rise) to ten (most in favour of a rise).

Eddie George, the Governor, comes out at 5/10, with Mr Amstad describing him as "tied to the status quo". David Clementi is "not a heavyweight" and his industry contacts "may make him instinctively dovish." He gets 4/10.

Mervyn King "is a heavyweight" and scores 7/10. Isin Plenderleith, in contrast, "has spent his career at the bank, and has backed his boss on every occasion." He accordingly

Alan Budd fears a repeat of the "Lawson Boom", and takes on the mantle of head hawk with a mighty 8/10. Charles Goodhart, LSE professor and sheep farmer, scores 6/10. as does Willem Buiter. Deanne Julius emerges as leading dove with 2/10, and is tipped by Mr Amstad to be the first to call for a rate cut. Looking at yesterday's decision, she'll have to wait awhile.

Most intriguing is John Vickers, the new boy on the MPC, whose views on rates are a well kept secret. Mr Amstad suggest that, since he is good chums with Mervyn King, he is more likely to be hawkish than dovish.

Did the new boy swing the vote? We'll have to wait for the publication of the MPC's minutes in six weeks' time.

Southern might buy power plants from generators

By Terry Macalister

SOUTHERN Electricity, the country's sole remaining independent electricity supplier, yesterday made clear it would be an enthusiastic buyer of any power plants that National Power or PowerGen might be forced to sell.

The chance for Southern to turn itself into a small but significant vertically integrated company comes after speculation the Government will demand the power generators

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Jim Forbes, chief executive, said Southern would not rule out buying other electricity suppliers, generators or water companies but insisted the company could prosper on its own.

A share buyback scheme is also still possible although this is unlikely before July next

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Southern unveiled full-year pre-tax profits at £248.7m,

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analysts' expectations.

By Clifford German

LA SENZA, the loss-making chain of 52 ladies' lingerie shops which listed on the AIM market two years ago at 160p a share, was sold for a song yesterday after Suzy Sher Equities sold its 60 per cent controlling stake for a token £1 to Xunely, a newly created company controlled by Theo Paphitis and his family, the owners of Rymans the stationers and Contessa

Other shareholders in La

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their shares. The Canadianbased company Suzy Sher agreed to sell its stake for a nominal sum in return for an indemnity from Xunely covering £1.9m worth of guarantees on financial leases given by Suzy

La Senza sold for a token £l

A spokesman for Suzy Sher said yesterday that the sale to Xunely was in the best interests of La Senza, and Xunely had the skills and experience to turn La Senza into profit over time. The group has struggled to establish itself in the UK and Senza will receive 10p cash for announced a £2.9m loss in the

six months to August last year. Three further profit warnings followed for the current year and the share price continued In February La Senza's chief

executive Joel Teitelbaum confirmed the group was talking to several suitors, who were thought to include Contessa, the Ann Summers lingerie chain and the Tulchan Group, which owns Sock Shop. But talks were discontinued after La Senza management rejected offers from all three companies thought to be worth around 25p a share.

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By David Liewellyn at The Oval

Surrey 502-7 dec Worcestershire ()4-2

IT HAS been a threadbare couple of years for Nadeem

is capable of. And he is capable of much as he revealed with the sixth century of his first-class career when Surrey piled up 500 for only the fourth time against these opponents.

from Essex for the 1995 season, little better. And so far he has Shahid. Two years without a big has had to bide his time. In a made the most of them.

Hooper shows his wayward side as Kent take it slow

By John Collis at Tunbridge Wells

Sussex 189 & 46-0

Kent 211

ON A day when for whiteknuckle excitement the cricket competed with the Ladies' Hat compension, Kent laboriously took first innings advantage on a low, slow wicket. Had this not been Tunbridge Wells, where the demeanour of the crowd suits the tranquil beauty of the

ground, the cricket might have

followed its dogged course

against a wall of barracking. Yet this gritty contest remains intriguing. Weather permitting an important result will been a tight battle between two sides high in the table - Sussex began the match in second place, Kent in fifth. And there is always interest in watching er and Alan Wells. young players, or those who must fight for a first team place, working hard to secure their future. In this respect, Kent's 19year-old opener Robert Key, sex were beginning to set their and the stocky Matthew Walk- target.

er, who has also opened the innings in the past, did themselves justice in nursing the home side to what was only their fifth batting point of the season, the other four being donated by

However, those who saw Carl Hooper's sublime innings of 94 at The Oval on Saturday were now witness to his other side. When graft was required, he wafted an off-side three, drove Mark Robinson back over the bowler's head and then departed, lbw attempting an absent-minded smear towards mid-wicket.

Sussex, having only reached 189 on Wednesday needed their bowlers to apply themselves come from what has so far yesterday, and this they did. Jason Lewry was the most threatening and Keith Newell was economical, while Robinson took the big wickets of Hoop-

> Kent's stubborn tail delayed tea until 5 o'clock, and the second innings got under way late on a long day. By stumps, Sus-

score. Two years with very few squad with batting riches, there opportunities to show what he is, of necessity, a pecking order. When the England men are

back there is little room for the likes of Shahid, Jason Ratcliffe et al. He played in only seven Championship matches last summer, although this year, Shahid, who joined Surrey for one reason or another, is a

Shahid is blessed with natural timing and a variety of shots which he used to stitch together a vivid 124, containing 21 boundaries. There were bundred partnerships with Alistair Brown, who maintained his form with a 72, and Ben Hollioake - who rediscovered his touch with 51. It all helped in creating a satisfyingly plump cushion from which the bowlers could then attack at will. They did try, and Worcester-

shire did lose a couple of wickets, incuding the promising Abdul Hafeez (33) after a 67-run stand for the second wicket with Graeme Hick. But the initial overs of the Worcestershire innings also saw a wayward Alex Tudor in particular threatening to unpick everyone else's careful handiwork. The fast bowler Tudor sent down six no balls in his opening spell of five overs. And after he came off the in-form Hick moved solidly towards yet another high score, his appetite for runs clearly undiminished by his recent achievement of scoring his hundredth first-class hundred.

By the close Hick had ensured that substantial progress had been made towards the 353 runs needed to avoid the followon and was himself sitting comfortably on an unbeaten 40 with his side still 398 adrift of Surrey.



Robin Smith hits out on his way to 84 for Hampshire yesterday

Wells makes up for lost time

Wells produced the batting perfor 9 declared. formance of the day to ensure

Opener Wells finished just six short of his 150, having brought up his hundred in 161

against Yorkshire at Heading-

Smith, scoring 84, led his team close to first innings parity against Glamorgan. Adrian Aymes and Paul Whitaker added 84 in an unbeaten partnership that took their team to

pleasure for Montgomerie outside the course record and gave him a one-stroke lead

By Andy Farrell at Hanbury Manor

COLIN MONTGOMERIE proves himself the exception to most rules, and his reaction when his opening drive from the 10th tee found the rough, once again showed he is a breed apart. While for most mortals the reaction would have been: "Oh no, here we go again", for Montgomerie it was just: "Yippee, here we go."

Monty had only just pulled his shot off the fairway but could hardly find the ball. His only course of action having done so was to chip back on to the fairway. This, contrary to what you would expect, put the Scot in carnival mood and he capitalised to the extent of an opening 64.

Having not got on to the course when the pro-am was cancelled on Wednesday, Montgomerie had not seen the layout since a year ago and so only now appreciated what a lot of fertiliser, a wet April and a warm May can produce in the way of long-stemmed grass.

"I was actually rejuvenated by seeing how difficult the rough was because that plays into my hands. It favours me," Montgomerie said. "Other people were going to be tentative and I get confident from other people not being confident."

Of course, it helped that Montgomerie holed a putt from 20 feet for his par. He then holed from eight feet, 20 and 20 again for birdies at the next three holes. Hardly a day goes by without Monty moaning about his putting but this was an exception. Excluding the one at his last hole which was from the fringe but was another important par-saver when a doublebogey seven looked likely, the official statistics showed Montgomerie took only 24 putts. "That's encouraging, well below average," he beamed. Five putts below average, to be exact.

His eight-under-par effort,

over France's Nicolas Joakimides, while Belgium's Nicolas Vanhootegem, after missing 10 cuts in 11 events so far this season, was among those on six-under. The pair are sharing a hotel room this week. "There must be magic in the room," Joakimides said.

"I really do wish that a lot of our courses were set up in this manner," Monty added. "It is fantastic to see that you're punished for a bad shot. We'd all be better players for playing courses of this strictness more often."

Not everyone agreed, particularly Lee Westwood, who along with Darren Clarke narrowly lost out to Montgomerie as Golfer of the Month for May. Westwood pointed out that while the rough just off the fairway, where he found himself en route to a double bogey at the eighth, had been cultivated, 20 yards further away it had not been. "If the rough is going to be long, it should be long everywhere," Westwood, who went to the turn in 38 to be 10 shots off the lead, said. "Then I decided to concentrate on hitting the fairway." This proved more fruitful as the 25-year-old came home in 30, with four birdies and an eagle at the 17th, to lie four off the lead.

Westwood and Clarke will today take part in a special clinic as part of the Golf Foundation's Starter Centre Initiative to find future stars. Launched in March, over 200 centres have already been set up with 20,000 juniors enrolled. So successful has the project been that further funding is required and members of every club in the country are to be asked for a £1 donation. TO DE ASKECT TOT 8 ± 1 dONIAUON.

THE ENGLISH OPEN (Hanbury Manor)
Leading first-round scores (GB unless stated): 64 C Montgomerie; 65 N Joakimdes (FT): 56 N Vanhootegem (Ben, S Leaney (Aus.); 68 MA Jimenez (Sp), D Cooper, D Robertson, R Wessels (SA). P Siotend (Swe), L Westwood, W Riley (Aus.); 69 P Bales, P Eales, R Muntz (Neth), R Reiferty, J River (Sp), R Jacquelin (Fn), V Philips; 70 I Garburt, P Mitchell, J Van de Velde (Fr), G Leanes, GS), M Farry (Ft), J Permesy (Fr), T Gogele (Ger), O Karlsson (Swe), D Lyrn, S Alser (NZ), G Chalmers (Aus.); I Garndon, NZ, Alser (NZ), G Chalmers (Aus.); I Garndon, S Alser (NZ), G Chalmers

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Windows shines in his father's image

By Mike Carey at Chesterfield

v Derbyshire

Gloucestershire 329-5

BEFORE a ball was bowled this season both these sides would have eyed this fixture and

they made the most of winning the toss and of some Derbyshire bowling that was, to put it mildly, unexceptional. In these circumstances an attack consisting of five seam bowlers and one off-spinner is not the best balance, and it showed.

Some counties would have marked it as one that could be made Derbyshire pay even won. Whether either can do it more for their variations. As it and the well-organised Dominic many half-volleys, long hops now, with a day lost to rain and was Tim Hancock would have Hewson added 150 together and, for that matter no-balls, on a pitch devoid of life, remains been mortified to get out to Kim for the fifth wicket in 51 overs. Maybe in desperation the act-Despite one or two mishaps, new ball was moving about. ing. They may well do so any- batsmen on this pitch.

vigorous back-foot strokes, which were - dare one admit it - highly reminiscent of his father. He was left unbeaten one promising career, having faced in the right place.

181 balls and hit 14 fours. He

ert albeit very tight with his If Gloucestershire subscribe is that Gloucestershire would medium pace, six short of his to the widely held local view that to Barnett who demonstrated have emerged from yesterday's first 100 of the season after do- this grassless pitch will turn, they that medium pace bowling, just events with most satisfaction. ing all the hard work when the will no doubt bat on this morn-short of a length could frustrate

Later in the day Matthew way if they believe in the old Windows took a heavy toll of a adage that you make your runs disillusioned attack with some while the going is favourable.

Before that, the new ball did enough to suggest that batting ought to have been much harder. The trouble was Derbyshire short of the fourth century of a scarcely put two successive balls

Elsewhere, there were too

LEICESTERSHIRE'S Vince help Leicestershire towards 353 Hampshire's captain Robin his team made up for lost time

ley after their first-day washout. balls with 13 fours and a six, to 247 for 5, just 22 runs behind.

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Cricket scoreboard

Britannic Assurance County Championship Second day of four; 11.0 unless stated Hampshire v Glamorgan

Hampshire won toss
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire (4) with
five first innings wickets standing are
22 runs bahind Glesnorgan (2).
GLAMORGAN – First Innings 269. HAMPSHIRE - First innings Overnight 0 for 1) LAMPSHIRE - First Innings

Kent v Sussex Kent won toss

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Sussex (4) with all except implices wickets standing are 24 second innings wickets: runs absect of Kent (5). SUSSEX - First Inninos 189.. KENT - First lankings

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To Bath C J Adams, M G Bevan, J R Cas-penter, K Newell, A D Edwards, S Humphries, M A Robinson, J D Lewry, R J Kyrteur

Kirtisy: Sowling: Philips 4-0-20-0; Igglesdan 4-0-7-0; Flaming 4-2-10-0; Hooper 4-2-5-0; Pa-7-0; Flaming 4-2-10-0; Hooper 4-2-5-0; Pa-

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Essex v Nottinghamshire Nottinghamshire won toss ILFORD: Essex (4) with three first in-nings wickets standing are 112 runs behind Nottinghamshire (3). NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – First Innings (Overright 288 for 7; P. Johnson 95, G.F. Archer 63). CMW Read bliott ..

A R Orem not out Extres (b4 b10 w12 nb2)... Total (110.1 overs) _____342 Fall: 1-5 2-78 3-106 4-226 5-259 6-269 7-276 8-316 9-318. Bowiling: lictt 211-5-82-4; Cowan 28-9-73-1; D R Law 10-2-42-0; Irani 22-8-66-

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R C rant c Head o Butter 20 R J Rollins c Johnson b Oram 20 R J Rollins c Johnson b Oram 22 D R Law b Franks 39 Extres (b4 rb2) 230 Total (for 7, 87 overs) 230 Fell: 1-5 2-5 3-157 4-173 5-181 6-206 7-230. To Bat: M C liott, A P Cowan, P M Such. Bowfing: Bowen 20-9-45-1; Frants 19-8-48-3; Oram 18-6-55-1; Strang 25-7-67-

1; Afzaal 5-2-11-1. Umptres: R Pairner and A Clarkson. Middlesex v Durham

Durhem won toss LORD'S: Durham (4) with eight first in-nings wickets standing are 163 runs behind Middlesex (3). MIDDLESEX - First brings (Overnight 175 for 6)
J L Langer c Collagwood b Betts ... 35
R A Kertleborough c Speak b Wood 18

M W Getting low b Foster

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Extrase (DA, w4, nb9) 2
Total (for 2, 56 overs) 172
Fell: 1-58, 2-58
To Bat: P D Collingwood, M P Speight, M J Foster, N C Philips, M M Betts, J Wood, S J Harmson,
Bowling: Bioprideld 11-0-46-2; Hewitt 13-1-50-0; Blanchett 13-4-30-0; Tutnell 14-62-0; Shah 1-0-3-0; Weekes 4-0-19-0
Umpires: J C Belderstone and M J (Richen.

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NORTHAMPTON: Northerts (4) with
five first learings wickets standing are
16 runs behind Warretcishire (1). LANCASHIRE - First Innings (Overnight 152 for 8) i D Austin Bow b Taylor P J Martin b Malcolm

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R J Beiley b Austin 19

K M Curran c Martin b Austin 4

A L Penberthy b Martin 17

D Ripley not out 7

Extress (0.4, b.14, rb.2) 20

Total (for 5, 68 overs) 214

Fall: 1-25, 2-25, 3-64, 4-73, 5-178.

To Batt G P Swenn, F A Rose, D E Malcolm, J P Baylor. colm, J P Taylor. Umpires: M J Harris and G Sharp.

Somerset v Warwickshire Warwickshire won toss TAUNTON: Warwickshire (4), with seven second innings wickets standing require 183 to avoid an imings detest by Somerset (8) after following

SOMERSET - First Inchas Overnight 253 for 5)
R. J. Turner not out
M. E. Trescothick low b. Smith
M. Bulbeck st Piper b Giles
G. D. Rose b. Giles

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Bowling: Gitclins 25-4-79-3; Brown 22-5-73-3; Welch 15-6-48-0; Smith 25-6-71-1; Giles 19-3-68-2; Henro 2-0-5-1 Umpres: R-A White and P Wiley. WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings M.J. Powell b Caddick Knight not out

T L Penney flow b Bulbeck
D R Brown flow b Bulbeck
K J Piper Ibw b Caddick
N M K Smith b Caddick
A F Gles Ibw b Bulbeck G Welch c Turner b Rose ESH Glodins b Rose Extras (b1 nb2)_____3 Total (49.4 overs)_____129 Felt: 1-8 2-35 3-65 4-66 5-68 6-79 7-83 8-84 9-129

B C Lena rot out

K J Piper not out

Strong (bt nb4)

Rotal (br 3, 15 overs)

Falt: 1-1; 2-20, 3-43

To Bat: T L Pennsy, D R Brown, N M K
Smith, A F Giles, G Welch, E S H Gid-

Bowling: Rose 5-1-23-0; Caddick 7-2-19-3; Mushaq 1-0-3-0; Bulback 2-0-7-Umpires: R A White and P Wiley. Surrey v Worcestershire

Sumey won toss THE OVAL: Worcestershire (2), with eight first imings wickets standing are 404 runs behind Surrey (4). SURREY - First innings (Overnight 193 for 3) N Shahid c Newport b Haynes 124

A D Brown c Moody b Sheriyar ... B C Hollioake low b Haynes A J Tudor b Haynes I D K Salisbury not out M P Bicknell not out Did not bet: J N Batty, Seglain Mush-

Score at 120 overs: 5-440 Bowling: Newport 21-8-42-0; Sheriyar 22-2-118-1; Moody 13-4-60-0; Lampit 19-5-68-0; Bingworth 30-8-90-3; Haynes 12-4-4-46-3; Solanki 10-1-44-0; Leathentale 1-0-8-0; Hick 3-0-10-0. WORCESTERSHIRE - First Imings V S Solanki c B C Hollicake b Tudor .0 A Hafeez c A J Hollicake b Saciein .33 G R Haynes not out

To bet: *T M Moody, D A Leatherdale S.J. Rhodes, S.R. Lemplitt, R.K. Mingworth, P.J. Newport, A. Sheriyar. Derbyshire v Gloucestershire Gloucestershire won toss

CHESTERFIELD: Gloucestershire (3) with five first innings wickets standing are 329 runs ahead of Derbyshire (2). OUCESTERSHIRE - First Innings GIOUCES ENSAME - FIRST INTERS....2 GI Macmillan c Lacey b De Freitas2 TH C Hancock c Rollins b Barnett .94 T N C Hancock C Howns o barrier
A J Wright c Tweats b Dean
M W Alleyne b Bernett
M G N Windows not out
D R Hewson b Aldred
R C Rusself not out
Eddres (b5, nb16)
Total (for 5, 108 overs)
Fall: 1-15, 2-59, 3-170, 4-175, 5-325.

To Bat: M C J Ball, J Lewis, A M Smith, C A Walsh. Bowling: DeFreitas 22-5-51-1; Dean 27-4-82-1; Aldred 22-2-73-1; Cassar 10-1-52-0; Lacey 10-0-51-0; Barnett 17-7-15-2.

Yorkshire v Leicestershire Yorkshire won toss HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire (4) with all second innings wickets standing are 353 runs behind Leicestershire (4). 353 runs behind Leiceschung. LEICESTERSHIRE - First lankugs V J Wells to Stemp D L Meddy b Hutchison

Sutcliffe c Wood b Hamilton A D Mulially not out Extras (b4 w6 rb8) Total (for 9 dec 94.3 overs)... Fall: 1-4 2-65 3-89 4-116 5-169 6-259 7-260 8-307 9-353. Did Not Bat: M T Brimson. Bowling: Siverwood 173-3-83-1; Hutzi-son 18-5-52-1; Hamilton 19-2-67-3; White 18-3-61-1; Stemp 18-6-64-2; Vaughan 6-

YORKSHIRE - First Innings To het: "O Byes, R D Stemp, C White, M J Wood, B Parker, †R J Blakey, G M Hamilton, C E W Silverwood, P M Hutchison.

Bowfing: Mulially 3-1-8-0; Simmons 3-0-13-0; Lewis 1-0-2-0; Brimson 1-1-0-0.

By Greg Wood

FOR regular readers of the letters column of the Racing Post, one particular theme has become very familiar in recent weeks. In plaintive and increasingly desperate tones, correspondents from every corner but rather that there was very of Britain had pleaded with little in the first place. Godolphin to run Cape Verdi, the 1,000 Guineas winner, in the Oaks today rather than supplementing her for the Derby tomorrow. This point was argued, you understand, entirely on the grounds of racing tradition, and of concern for the filly's well-being. Any suggestion that juicy ante-post vouchers for the Oaks were lurking in the letter-writers' desk drawers would be thoroughly outrageous.

The campaign did not succeed, although a special prize for ingenuity (and cheek) goes to the punter who suggested that the bookies might simply shift all ante-post bets on Cape Verdi for the Oaks on to the Derby instead. In fact, Fred Done - yes, the bookmaker who paid out on Manchester United a couple of months ago - has agreed to do just that, but if any of the big players follow suit, expect a flying pig to win the Oaks today by at least 20 lengths.

Epsom

2.45 Swain 3.20 APACHE RED (nap)

2.10 Kalidasa

4.00 Bahr (nb)

Oaks before a single filly has been installed, and the uncertainty over Cape Verdi's destination in recent weeks has also allowed other runners to be shortened on a regular basis. It is not that the value has gone,

Punters will certainly think twice before backing Bahr, Cape Verdi's stablemate, at the pared-down odds available today. It is true that there was much to admire in her defeat of

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Gee Bee Dream (Epsom 4.40) NB: Lift The Offer (Epsom 5.45)

Midnight Line in the Musidora Stakes at York, but Henry Cecil's filly, who will attempt to give the trainer his third consecutive Oaks today, was the best at the weights. Trophy Wife has been pur-

chased and entered in today's Classic purely to ensure a good pace, which should also favour Midnight Line rather than Bahr. The latter's connections were confident after the Musiconfirmed at Epsom, but it is This is not simply another ex- hard to share their certainty. ample of the risks inherent in There are other dangers, too. betting at long-range, but also notably High And Low, who is something which affects back- certain to stay but may lack a ers looking for an interest this turn of foot, and Cloud Castle. morning. The bookmakers have who would have finished a clear

4.40 Tonight's Prize

5.10 Enchant 5.45 King Darius

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STALLS: 61 - outside; Im 41 - centre; remainder - inside.

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A Royal Academy half-sister to several winners, Atlantic Destiny, 4-1 Strike Destiny (4) in a classey per.

A Royal Academy half-sister to several winners, Atlantic Destiny put up a classy per-termance on her racecourse debut over this trip at York (good), last month. Traveling strongly just behind the leaders, she quickened up well for a decisive 11/2 length win from

Guinea Hunter and Calcutts, a previous promising Newmarket third. The unbeation Queensland Star faced five previous winners when making all to beat Golden Star a length at Chester (5t, good) early last month, and looks a typical speedy Jack Berry juvenile. The well-regarded RED DELIRUM improved considerably on his racecourse debut test time, when a well-backed 2½ length winner from Rhapsoids at Goodwood (8t, good to firm). He idled in front that day, and further progress looks filely. The Nurseye filly Kalidaea looks sure to improve on her first run, a second place behind Damais at Chester (5t, good to firm), as does Sylva Legend, who will be fitter for his debut twelfith of 20, 10 lengths behind Hard Lines at Newbury (6t, good to firm). Chomper was a narrow whner at Haydock before his short-head defeat by Red Pratrie at Pontefract two weeks ago (6t, good to firm), white Strike A Blow justified taxouritism in a large field of maidens over this trip at Haydock (good), last month. The Tentry filly Lady Anghared will benefit from her first run when fourth behind Hasty Words at Sandown (5t, good) two weeks ago.

2.45 VODAFONE CORONATION CUP (GROUP) (C4

-7 declared -BETTING: 4-5 Sarain, 5-1 Silver Patriarch, 6-1 Ebadiyia, 16-1 Luso, 12-1 For Valour, Posidonae,

suppers 3 of Cheron 54 kar (in Spotie) drawn [3] sin son-year-old SWAIN's last appearance on a resecurse was a magnificent performance in the Group 1 Dubai World Cup back in March. Over a trip short of his best and an unfamiliar dirt surface he was beaten only a short-head by Silver Charm with Luso talked-off severith. Returning to the trip in which he tramphed in last year's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond States at Ascot, and with the Godolphin team flying after last weekends successes. Swalin can repeat his victory in this race in 1996. The usually very conestent Luso again looked below per when fourth of firet, 11-liengths behind Lumnos over this into a St Cloud (good), tast month A neck in front of Immitted by was For Valour who looks unifiedly to confirm placings on 7th worse terms, despite being the representative of Andre Fabre who has won lour of the test 12 runnings of the race. Namow winner of the Group 3 John Porter States on his seasonal debut in April, Poeldonas finished in front of Swalin when beating him by two short-heads into third in a listed race at Newhourly last September (firs 31 firm). He will be 7th worse off today and writt the actra furlong in Swalin's favour he should turn the tables. Silver Patrianch was narrowly beaten over this course and distance by Bentry The Dip in last year's Derby but gained ample compensation with victory in the St Lager. He will have come on for his seasonal debut when second, beaten a neck and conceding 5th to Romanov in the Group 2 Jockey Cub States over this distance at Newmarket (good to soft), last month. John Otx sends last year's firsh Calls winner Ebadlyta, who found first 21 too short for her when last of five in the Tatersals Gold Cup at the Curragh (good) two weets ago. She looks sure to do better over a more suitable trp. Italian Oels where Nicole Pharily put in a promising run for her new stable when lourith in a Group 3 Sandown in April (im 21, soft), but does not look up to the cleas of winning this.

3.20 VODAFONE NETWORK HANDICAP (CLASS C) £35,000 added 3YO 7f

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SETTING: 6-1 Apache Red, 7-1 Young Josh, 15-2 Prospectives, 6-1 GR Of Gold, 10-1 Double Brandy, Risque Lady, 12-1 Al Mebrook, Gift Of Gold, 14-1 El El Jezz Club, 16-1 others 1997: Cosmo Prince 3 8 11 R Coctrane 7-1 (M Jarres) chawn (10) 17 ran

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QUEENSLAND STAR (31) (The Right Angle Club) J Berry 9 4 ______G Center 6 105

had a considerable result on the second to Cape Verdi in the Guineas at Newmarket with any sort of a clear run.

> Nor is it possible to rule out Tarascon, who may not have the ideal pedigree for a mile and a half, but was not stopping at the end of her victorious run in the Irish 1,000 Guineas. Jamie Spencer, her young - correction, adolescent - rider may lack first-hand experience of Epsom, but he received instruction from the oldest hand of all, Lester Piggott, when the two of them walked the course yesterday.

Anyone who has not taken a fancy price already - such as the 6-1 available about Midnight Line after the Musidora, or the 10-1 about Cloud Castle which vanished a few days ago should probably sit this race out. For those who cannot resist, however, the only sensible choice is Midnight Line (4.00). There is more scope for

those seeking value in the Coronation Cup, the second Group One race on the card. Swain, last year's King George winner, is as talented as he is consistent. and came within a mistimed nod of beating Silver Charm in the Dubai World Cup in March. That was a hard race, though, dora that the form would be and today's outing is his first since. With the ground not quite as easy as he might like, he is worth avoiding and the one to beat him may be another veteran, Luso (next best 2.45).

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RISQUE LADY was hampered in a 7th andicap at York (good) behind Ho Lang (GiRt Of Gold further behind and held), last month and can be forgiven a poor run. She had previously made an encouraging seasonal debut to finish 2 % lengths third behind like over the same trip at Newmarket. The former Jim Bolger charge Apache Red has been in the frame on his two latest starts for David Elseworth and ran a splendid race last time to finish fourth of 20 from a poor draw, beaten 1 length behind Hill Magic at Lingfleid (81, good to firm). He holds Toblersong, who looks poorly handicapped at present, on his previous third place run at Salisbury behind Robin Goodfellow. Double Brandly put two poor afforts behind him when winning a 6f handicap at Newbury (good to firm) last month by a short head. He is bred to appreciate the extra furlong and still looks well-handicapped. All Metarook made his handicap debut at Kempton lest Saturday over this trip (good), and ran with credit to finish 4 lengths third of 17 behind Prevalence. Prosprectress ran only once as a two-year-old but showed that she has trained on with victory in a maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm) leat month. Young Josh carne or considerably for his respicerance when finishing first past the post over today's trip at Goodwood (good to firm) two weeks ago and can go close again today. Richard Hannoria Caverafield gave no Causs for encouragement on his reappearance when 16th of 16, behind Asset Manager at Sandown. (7f, good) last month.

4.40 VODAFONE DISTRIBUTION HANDICAP (CLASS C) £25,000 added 1m 114yds

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2 150.6 CHSP MONARCH (11) (Inormy Stautor) R Fairly 49 8 R Cochrant 0
3 221.0 TONIGHT'S PRIZE (49) (Sturps 364) C Wild 48 6 S Sanders 4
4 10561 RUTURE PROSERECT (14) (C C Buckley) M Johnston 49 4 D Holland 9
5 61-62 SECRET SPRING (FR) (9) (EP) (M K George) P Hedge 69 4 T Outhrn 14
6 43300 TERTRUM (11) (M Barton) N Litmodes 69 3 R Mallen (5) 8
7 0-0003 STAR TALLENT (17) (EP) (R Michaelson 6 D Alpon) I Balding 7 9 1 L Debton 1
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12 400-00 BOLD HUNTER (17) (The Carpetbaggers) Mrs N Dutfield 4 8 10 M Roberts 12 B
13 0-40 GOLDEN REPRIBLATION (21) (George E K Seo) R Hamron 3 8 R R Hogites 3
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15 -0000 JUNEKAY (6) (Elangosen Racing Partners) R Ingram 4 7 10 N Polland (7) 2
BETTING: 7-2 Star Telent, 7-1 Philister, 8-1 Song Of Silvy, 9-1 Concer Un, Gee Bee Dream, Secret Spring, 11-1 Sweet Wilhelming, 12-1 Pride Of Pendle, Future Prospect, 14-1 Chief Monarch, Golden Repriment, Tertum, 16-1 Toulight's Prize, 33-1 Junitary, 50-1 Bold Hunter
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Star Talent looked unlucky when repeatedly hempered in a competitive hendicap at Good-wood last month (im, good to firm), eventually finishing third, beaten 1½ lengths behind China Red. He is on a handy mark and can gain compensation given fuck in running. The unfortunate Phillistiar, who took this race last year at 20-1, was disqualified from sec-

ond place lest Saturday in an apprentice handicap at Kempton (Im. 11, good) after his weightcloth was mistaid. Today he will have the benefit of Kleran Fallon in the saddle, but races on a mark 7to higher than when he won at Lingfied in April. Concer Un looked as good as ever with a gallant third place behind Chewit under topweight at Goodwood last month (7t, good to firm). He will appreciate the step up in distance but may again be anchored by the weight. Secret Spring was made tavourite when an apprentice-rid-

be anchored by the weight. Secret Spring was made taxourite when an apprentice-rid-den 2 lengths second to Supreme Sound at Folkestone (fm. 21, good to firm). He should run well although recent rain will not have improved his chances. Textuum hes run dis-appointingly twice since his surprise win in the firm Jubilee handicap at Kempton at the begining of last month. Although raised 10th for that win he could still run well if repro-ducing early session form. The veteran Pricke Of Pendile was not suited by the fack of pace when down the field at Haydock (fm. good), but still has enthusiasm on his day. Song Of Style is running into form on the strength of her third place in a fillies' handi-cap at Sandown two weeks ago (71, good), while Future Prospect, who had not run for two years, could do no more than win his claimer at Pontefract (fm, good to firm), last mornth.

5.10 VODAFONE VICTRESS STAKES (Listed) (CLASS A) £35,000 added 1m 114yds

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Woodland Melody is a likely warm favourite on the strangth of her three wins last seeson, most especially her Group 3 victory at Deauville last August (7f, soft), when she ran
out an easy five length winner. Stiffest opposition may come from the fitter ENCHANT.
Michael Stoutes Bly apparently didn't stay the extra furlong when third, beater 4/s lengths
behind Napoleon's Sister in the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood last month. Another Festasy, made taxourite on the strength of a good showing in the 1000 Guineas, ran poorly
that day and appears held. Much Commended was placed in both the Italian and German (1000 Guineas last season. She made her seasonal reappeArance in a listed race
at Goodwood lest month (in, good to firm), finishing a one-paced third behind Digitalias. She holds Lille Claime, who finished last, on that run. Jinsiyah has improved with
each run this season, most notably finishing third in a Letad Mile race at Kempton tast
month, (good), but she still may not be good enough here.

SELECTION: Enchant

5.45 VODAFONE PAGING HANDICAP (CLASS C) £25,000

2014-23 DOMER HOUSE (22) (Lord Howard De Watter) W. Jarves 9 7 W. Ryen 11
2012-33 AMCSTROM (24) (Shakh Mahammad) M. Stotle 9 5 P. J. Reid 6
3 344-31 BENEVERTUS (15) (D) (R.N. Kharl J. Dunlop 9 4 P. R. Eddary 7
4 0-41 MORATORIUM (158) (19) (R. N. Kharl J. Dunlop 9 4 P. R. Eddary 7
5 384-31 KING DARUS (25) (19) (E. John Perry) R. Harron 8 8 ... R. Hagines 6
6 0-02 POLSKA MODELLE (FR) (21) (Shakh Mohammad) J. Gosden 8 9 ... R. Hagines 7
6 0-43 SPRING FENER (44) (Rey Rehards B Hils 8 8 ... M. Day 8
8 24-3 ARR ATTACHE (158) (44) (Vinilla Darus) (B Lawis 8 6 ... M. Day 8
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The well-bred Moratoritum made all when odds-on in a Pipon maiden last month (1m) 11, good to firm), and is still improving. King Darlus was well-backed last time after an earlier witchry over in 1t but could only finish a one-paced third behind Jaazim at Newbury two weeks ago (1m 41 good to firm). He should do better today back over a shorter inp. ASPIRANT DANCER completed a hast-trick in spanking form last time, when a Y-length winner over Double Casses on a completive handicago over this distance at Hay-dock earlier this month. He still looks well treated and can complete a four-time. Potenten and mile, following a 3 length second behind The Editor at Thrisk (1m, good). Beneventhus takes a step to classe after an easy 4 length victory or an auction maden roce

on his second to Asad in a mile conditions race at Doncaster (good) seriler in the morth. Air Attache tooked as if a step up in distance would suit after his seasonal reappearance, when unable to quicken behind Putaina over its 11 at this course (soft) back of April.

BETTING: 5-4 Woodkand Melody, 9-2 Enchant, 5-1 Mach Com-basy, 10-1 Brave Kris, 12-1 Jimsyeh, 14-1 Life Claire 1997: Sanvara 4 9 6 Pat Eddery 6-1 (J Durkop) drawn (S) 7 ran FORM GUIDE

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nager at Sandown. (71, good) last month.



Master class: Lester Piggott guides teenager Jamie Spencer Photograph: George Selwyn around Epsom yesterday

icap, simply because several horses with an obvious chance on form - Risque Lady and Young Josh among them - are poorly drawn. Of those drawn low, whose advantage can only be compounded by the presence of front-running Shalad'Or in hox two, the choice is between Apache Red and GIFT OF GOLD (nap 3.20), with the latter at a more attractive price.

Derby news yesterday concerned Saratoga Springs, who has already veered several times the day is the 17-runner hand- between being a probable

non-runner. He now seems sure to take his chance, with Willie Ryan, the Derby winner last year on Benny The Dip, in the saddle. The outsider Pegnitz, though, will not be running. At the other end of the mar-

ket. Greek Dance continues to shorten, in to 100-30 from 7-2 with William Hill, while Second Empire moved in the opposite direction (3-1 from 9-4) with the same firm. Cape Verdi too is on the drift, out to as much as 5-1 with the Tote.

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Today's big-race field

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The most significant Cales trief book places at York (Im 21, good to soft) lest month, when
Bahr beat the odds-on WEDNIGHT LINE by a neck in the Group 3 Musiciora States.
However Bahr seems less likely to benefit from the increased test of stamina than her
more stoutly bred rived, who can reverse placings on 2th better terms. A strong gallop
should be ensured by the pacamater Trophy Wite. The only Group One withrer in the
field is intelt 1000 Guineas winner Tarrescon. The pace at the Carragh (good to firm)
was mudding but Tarrescon produced a strong run to lead near the line. She had previously ruined her chance in the English equivalent when injuring herself in the state.
Shaintoush and Cloud Castle also teatured in both Mile classics. They were no metich
for Cape Verdi when second and fourth respectively, with two stort-heads between
themset Newmarket. They were then well behind Tarrascon in the Irish equivalent, elthough Cloud Castle was hampered and will be suited by this distance. Hight and
Low confirmed the promise of her second to Scormed in a 71 Doncater metion less
autumn in winning the Chesthire Oaks (tin 41, good). Napoleon's Sister came from
lest to that to best Putana in the Lupe States at Goodwood lest month (im 21, good).

Tomorrow's Derby card

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ı	3		VODAFONE DERBY STAKES (GROUP 1) (CLASS A) £500,000 added 3YO 1m 4f
	1 1	1-133	BORDER ARROW (24) (BF) (R Michaelson/W Said) Balding 9 0
	2	43-2	CITY HONOURS (USA) (29 (Goddylm) Seeed bin Surour 90 Field 1
	lā .	6-1	COURTEOUS (42) (HEH Prince Fishd Salmen) P Cole 9 0T Onion 13
	4	2-11	GREEK DANCE (23) Lord Weinstock M Stoute 90 W R Switchern 3
1	5	421-21	CULLAND (SZ) (D) (Moles Racing) G Wrags 90
	6	131-5	HAAMI (USA) (35) (Hamdes Al Médicum) J Dunico 8 0
	7	1-17	HIGH-RISE (28) (Sheith Michammed Obaid Al Maktoum) L Current 90 O Pesiler 14
- 1	B	1211-1	KIRIG OF KIRIGS (35) (Mrs. J. Magnier/M Tabor) A P O'Brien (III) 9 0 Pat Eddary 12
	9	13.2	MRUTAMAM (18) (BF) (Harratan Al Maktourn) A Stewart 9 0
	10	1-12	SADIAN (26) Prince A A Faisel) H Cecil 90K Failon 7
	17	311-14	SARATOGA SPRINGS (Q (BF) (M TaboriMs J Magner) A P CRien (ii) 9 0 W Ryan 4 V
i		m-3	SECOND EMPERE (14) (BP) (M Tabonikis J Macrier) A P Officer (4) 90 M J Kiname 10
	13		SUNSHINE STREET (USA) (27) (P Garney) N Meade (II) 9 0
	14	631-12	THE GLOSE-WORM (32) (CD) (Mrs J M Corbett) B Has 9 0
	15	1214-1	CAPE VERDI (33) (Goddichni) Seed bri Suroof 89

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HYPERION 2.20 Bank On Him 2.55 Jaraab 3.25 Eileen's Lady 3.55 Badrinath 4.25 Habibi 5.00 Super Gell

GONG: Standard. STALLS: 51 – outside; rest – inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Middle to high up to tm.

Fibresand suriacs; left-hand sharp, oval course.

Course is 5m W of Newark. ADMISSION: Cub 52; Tatersalis 26 (DAP Diemond Cub 54, under-10s free). CAR PARK: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS: In Johnston 45-225 (204%), S R Bowring, 45-355 (123%), J L Eyre 39-275 (142%), R Hollinshead 36-337 (81%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: J Wenner 47-278 (185%), Dan Mickisown 27-330 (82%), G Duffield 25-220 (114%), F Lynch 24-190 (133%).

FAVOURITIES: 546-557 (346%).

BLINGERD FIRST TIME: Miss All Alons (220), Common Rock 500, Borehill Joker (viscred 423), Gillo We're Gonzo (viscred, 240). LONG DISTANCE TRAINFLER: Baydram (220), & The Marror's (355) have been sant 282 miles.

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4	0-00	AOCK RIVER (13) D O'Brien 4 9 2
5	50-03	ELEEN'S LADY (26) G Margarson 4 8 ft
3	060-0	CAPE SIREN (10) M Ryan 48 to
7	004-53	HOLY SMOKE (62) J L Eyre 385R Winston (5) 11
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3.55 ROYAL BANK INVOICE FINANCE HANDICAP (CLASS F) 23,000 added 71 2020 ETON LEDGER (4) (CD) Max N Mazzuley 9 10 0 P Dobbs (7) 7 105304 MR PARADISE (9) (D) R Covell 4 9 2 R Studholme (7) 15 135-60 BALLEBOROUGH BOY (20) (CD) D O'Shira 4 9 11 Desdid Burchell (7) 5 B

BETTING: 6-1 The Muzzo's, 7-1 Kalley Goddess, Desert Invader, 8-1 Bachi nath, Cheertal Groces, 10-1 Zalotto, Etton Ledger, Mr Parazilse, 12-1 others 4.25 LEOPARD SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2YO 6f

BET (199C: 2-1 Habibi, 7-2 Lady Perplant, 9-2 Super Strides, 11-2 My Mother's Dream, 8-1 The Donk, 10-1 Borekill Jokes, 14-1 Gillo We're Gonzo 5.00 LION HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000

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HYPERION 2.35 Cartmel Park 3.05 Good Hand 3.40 Pigeon 4.15 Slasher Jack 4.50 Princess Natalie 5.25 Frisky Lady

GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places). STALLS: Inside DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to 1m. STALLS: Inside DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to fm.

Left-hand course, undefing and sharp.

Course is NW of town on ASIGE Darlington station 14m, ADMISSION: Cub 511; Battersals 27; Course 22:50 CAR PARK: C2, free.

LEADING TRAINERS: J Berry 28-89 (166%), Mrs M Reveley 5-98 (174%), J L Eyre 13-00 (113%), M W Easterby 13-11 (117%), EADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 24-24 (184%), J Carroll 21-142 (145%), L Charmock 14-754 (21%), T Williams 8-96 (83%),

FAVOURITIES: 188-456 (405%),

BLINKERED FRIST TIME: Barrelbio (840).

2.35 EBF NOVICE STAKES (CLASS D) £4,400 added 2YO 5f

BETTING: 4-5 keya Lake, 5-2 Cartmel Park, 6-1 Snap Cracker, 10-1 Bold Shadow, 25-1 See Minster! 3.05 SCORTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 5f 175yds

3.40 SCOTCH CORNER HANDICAP (CLASS E) 53,750 added 6f

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4.15 LESLIE PETCH HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 1m 4f

- 11 declared -BETTING: 5-1 Sing And Dance, Slesher Jack, 7-1 Summerbill Special, River Capitain, Impelus, Perpetual Light, 8-1 House Of Dreams, 10-1 others 4.50 JERVAULX HANDICAP (CLASS F) 23,000 added 3YO 5f

BETTING: evens Critical Air, 4-1 One To Go, 8-2 Frisky Lady, 8-1 The Imposter, 12-1 Kings Check, 33-1 Natural

Results

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2. Lord Kintyre 100-30; 3. Positive Air 50-1. 5 rap., 13-8 fav Double Spierdour (5th), 11/4. ANY DOCK
2.00: 1. THREE ANGELS (A Nichols) 11-2:
2. Bolfin Ethos 33-1; 3. Erro Codigo 14-1:
4. Miss Dangerous 19-1 16 ran. 11-1; 1/4. (M Tompkins, Newmarket). Tota: 19-50: 121-1.
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3.30; 1. EMERALD HEIGHTS (D Hamson). 4-1; 2. Suprame Sound 5-1; 3. Gill. Token 5-2, 11 ran. 7-2 for Prentic Generation (4th). 1/4, 1/4. (J. Farnshave, Newmarket). Total 5-70; 5250, 5200, 5200, 570; 58200, 555; 56007. Tocast 5265, 474. Thir. 598:90. Result strong offer a separately on the split s tar; 2. Capitain Logan 9-4; 3. Sail 14-1 10
rian, 11-7 (R Chariton, Beckhampton, Total
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3.00: 1, TIPSY CREEK (Pat Eddary) 3-1: \$250; 5140, 5130, DF: 5280, CSF; C702

4.30: 1. GAY SPICEZE (D. Sweenwy) 5-2 ter; 2. Octor 6-1; 3. Maillon Main 12-1. 11 ma., 3%, 7., (F Felgue, Lisburnt Toter 5:30; 5:60, 5:290, 5:30, DF: CTUR CSF: 5:248 Treast: \$18705. Tric: \$38,80, NR: Dande Flyer.

2.20: 1. SMART SPIRIT (G.Lee) 13-2; 2. Eastly Blue B-2; 3. Mutasarrif 7-4 fev. 14 ran. 21/2. 15. (Mrs. M. Reveley) Total: 1670, C190, E130, C170, DF; C1800 CSF; C3106, Inc: C450,

2.50: 1. CELTIC DURE (B Herding) 6-1;
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CA70; C130, C230, C130, DF: E850, CSF:
CA72; Thio: S750,
3.30: 1. SUPPLEME SOVEY (A Ochbin) 31; fixe; 2. fm The Man 8-1; 3. Any Port 51.9 ran. 3-1; fixe Teapy match. 8, ni. (A
Whiterol), Tobe: C30; C130, C130, C130, DF:
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3.50: 1. WHAT A TALE (G1.0-), 4-5 fax; 2.
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ran. 4.37; (MS M Reveloy); Total C130, CT40,
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4.20: 1. UNCLE BERT (R Johnson) 4-1.

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2.10; 1. BRAVE NOBLE (K Falon) 3-1; Benjamin Frank 10-1; 3. High And Mighty

2-1 fax, 8 ran, 2, 2, (E Dunlop, Newmarkes) Tote: \$440; \$200, \$320, \$110, DF: \$1430, CSF: \$30.41 Tricast: \$55.74, Thio; \$14.00, NP:

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3.40; 1. TRMBERIVATI (W Ryan) 4-8 fav; 2. Foxia Lady 2-1; 2. Balbanina 25-1, 8 ran. 4, 7. (H Caci, Newmarket). Tote: £170; £120, £100, £420, DF: £150, CSF; £198. 4.10: 1, HOUSEMASTER (M Ferton) 12-1; 2. Cabaffero 2-1 tav; 3. Ra 3-1 6 ran. 2, 21/s. (M Bell, News 21360; CA10, C150, DF: E950, CSF; 4-40: 1. MAZEED (C Cogan) 6-5 fav; 2. 4-40: 1. MAZEED (C Cogan) 6-5 fav; 2. Blowing Away 9-4; 3. Blockade 7-2 7 ran. 2. 4 (P Exirs, Web-ipool), Tole: £200; £130. £140. £1 230. £530. £530. Place 6: £940. Place 5: £662.

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EPSOM

2.10: The Alex Ferguson-owned enstand Star goes for a hattrick and it will be interesting to see how this very speedy dual-5f winner performs in his first attempt at 6f. In contrast, KALL DASA is certain to be suited by this distance after staying-on well over 5f at Chester four weeks ago. Peter Chapple-Hyam saddled last year's winner of this contest. Richard Hannon's stable is sending out plenty of winners

2.45: Another fascinating renewal of this event is in prospect again with France and Ireland strongly represented by For Val-our and Ehadiyla respectively. But the big two here are Frankie Detton's mount SWAIN and Pat Eddery's Silver Patriarch, Overlooking the claims of the greynarrowly defeated in last year's Derby - seems dangerous, but narrow preference is given to the

3.28: Luck will play a major role as this big field helter-skelters around Tattenham Corner, but Kieren Fallon is likely to gain a prominent position on APACHE RED, reasonably well-drawn near the inside rails. Fallon's mount ran on stoutly when taking fourth place in a competitive of race at Lingfield last time, beating all his his rivals in the unfavoured farside group. This colt won over a mile as a juvenile so this 7f is not a problem. Jack Berry has a good record in Epsom handicape and his Only For Gold looks a threat from his low draw. a

4.00: Shall to Cape Verdi in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket. Her trainer excuses her subsequent disappointing 10th in the Irish equivalent on the grounds that she was still recovering from a kick delivered by an unruly Tarascon at Newmarket, Tarascon, last of 16 at Newmarket, then tore up the form book to win the Irish 1,000. At her long odds, Aidan O'Brien's filly is each-way value. Cloud Castle finished eighth at the Currach, though made no a lot of late ground and has strong claims over this extra half-mile. It was in a muddling race that BAHR defeated Midnight Line at York last time, but the form seems unlikely to be reversed.

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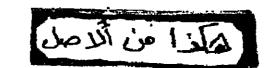
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YOU might legitimately portray it as rugby's variation on the Rich Man, Poor Man theme, or perhaps repackage it along the lines of the Tortoise and the Hare. Born within six months of each other in 1970, but time zones apart in terms of their respective sporting impacts, Steve Ravenscroft and Tim Horan go eveball to eyeball in Brisbane tomorrow in a confrontation that gives the archetypal slow developer a chance to ambush the precocious high achiever.

Horan, first capped against he 1989 Ali Blacks as a 19-yearold centre with dancing feet and hands of purest gold dust, will make his 57th appearance for the Wallabies when Australia defend the Cook Cup against an unranked, unrated and unfamiliar England outfit at the Suncorp Stadium. He has tourniquet-tight World Cup fiscored precisely 100 points in a Test career interrupted only by occasional injury and his fellow Queenslanders expect him to a battalion of English tacklers, add to that tally at the expense of an anonymous journeyman who, back in 1991, was burning around with Bradford and Bingley while their blond hero was winning a World Cup winner's

medal at Twickenham. We shall see. According to Philippe Sella, one of few contemporary midfielders with more to shout about than Ho- Nick Greenstock found Horan, ran, there is more to England's new inside centre than meets the to handle. Ravenscroft, a Steady eye. "He has developed his Eddie out of the de Glauville game out of all recognition," mould, will not have been en-

New England cap confronts the Wallabies' Tim Horan in tomorrow's rugby union Test. Chris Hewett in Brisbane reports

so successfully alongside Ravenscroft at Saracens last season. "The thing that impresses me about Steve is his error count. It is incredibly low, both in the tackle and in ball retention, which is so important in today's game. He has much to look for-

Few Englishmen have looked forward to trial by Horan over the last nine years. Having played an exuberant role in Australia's 40-point dismantling of the old country in the summer of 1991, he proceeded to make the decisive play of a nal 13 weeks later: a perceptive covering pick-up deep in his own 22, a slippery scuttle away from a sprinter's spurt down the right touchline and a weighted grubber kick to the corner flag to force the attacking line-out from which Tony Daly smuggled the try that would separate the combatants.

There was another vintage contribution in Sydney last summer, when Phil de Glanville and filling in at outside-half, too hot

Cotton attacks 'Stalinist' RFU

FRAN COTTON, the former to him and chairman Cliff Britice-chairman of the management board, has accused the Rughy Football Union of "dirty setting up a three-man panel to tricks" and setting up a "kangaroo court" after being charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

If the RFU's case is proved, Cotton, the manager of the victorious 1997 British Lions, could be be thrown out of rugby. Last month Cotton called for rid of Cliff Brittle, whose views the International Board to "isolate England until the RFU puts portant matters." its house in order".

his country to be banned from Scotland meet New South Wales Test matches. He has also called tomorrow in Sydney. The 24-yearfor a special general meeting to old wing, who has already been Harbour Under-21 side before four years. I've always been scribed Twickenham's attitude of reclaiming his Test place.

9.20 Heart Of Avondale

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tle as "Stalinist".

The RFU has responded by investigate, with Ray Manock. national discipline officer as chairman, working with former president John Simpson and ex-Middlesex Council representative, Mike Christie.

Cotton said: "It's all part of the dirty-tricks compaign to get and mine coincide on many im-

Craig Joiner will have the In effect, he was calling for chance to prove his worth when

says the Frenchman, who played tertained by footage of the torture inflicted on England's midfield that night.

> For all that, there is a steely air of determination about Ravenscroft that dovetails nicely with his undetectably slow but persistent rise through the representative ranks. "The only target I've ever set myself is to play to the very limit of my ability," he explained. "It's the only realistic target for any player, in my view. The rest comes from your playing environment, from the quality of the people around you, from the circumstances in which you find yourself performing. In the right surroundings, you always find yourself being stretched. The trick is to keep pace with whatever progress is being achieved in the team context. By definition, if you manage to accomplish that, your own game is moving in the right direction." Born in Bradford, Raven-

> scroft lives up to his no-frills inheritance. He played a rughy league at school but took more readily to the 15-man game, so readily indeed that after forcing his way into the England Schools side at 18, he drew a deep breath and headed for Auckland for a few months' real action.

> "I played for a North Harbour club called Northcote; Richard Turner, a pretty formidable No 8 who some people might remember laying into Dean Richards during the 1993 Lions tour, was my landlord. The idea was to get a feel of grownup rugby in the biggest rugby hotbed of them all. North Harbour was just beginning to get into its stride at provincial level - Walter Little was the big

name in their midfield - and there was a remarkable intensity about the way players of all levels went about their sport." Martin Johnson, last year's

Lions captain, was playing in King Country at the same time and rather like the Leicester lock, Ravenscroft did enough to impress the hard-bitter local judges. He made the North



quiet, silent almost, until a run of outstanding club form propelled his name back into the hat last season; a late-flowering renaissance that earned him an A

cap against Ireland in April. "Why the hiatus? I don't know. It's impossible to foresee how a sporting career is going to take shape, especially in a game that has changed so radically in the space of three or Guscott, are 13,000 miles away

by the people who matter. That something else was Saracens, or, to be more specific, their success last season. Playing in a winning side gave me the kind of projection others enjoyed before me. It made the difference."

Tomorrow, England will look to Ravenscroft to make a difference. The first-choice centres, Will Greenwood and Jeremy in Blighty, one nursing a dodgy caps at Under-22 and Student something else to happen for Horan is back in his pomp and self.

partner, was the hot-shot player of the Super 12 tournament, their replacement is contemplating a task that might have made Hercules blanch. Still, the new boy has been

around a bit, if not at the very highest level. When he looks at Horan across the halfway line, he will not see a Wallaby prodigy who just happened to fulfil every ounce of his promise. He will see an exact contemporary

demand a vote of no confidence capped 20 times at internation- flying home, moving to London pretty happy with my consistency shoulder, the other his one- with two arms, two legs and a this year's Winter Olympics nain the RFU Council and has de- al level, is relishing the prospect and joining Saracens. England of performance, but you need year-old daughter. Given that footballing brain. Just like him-8.50 STAKIS BAR BACOA NOVICE HANDI-CAP HURDLE (E) £3,500 2m 110yds

7.30 HITACHI SEIKI MAIDEN SKY

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8.30 ENTERPRISE AUCTION MAI-DEN STAKES £5,000 3YO 1m

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8.20 Now Young Man 8.50 Shining Example

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● Course is in Scone Palace Park, 4m N of lown an AS3. Station em. ADMSSIONN. Members EN, Paddock ES (CAPs, disabled & urbs of; Course 22 CAR PARIC: 25 picnic area, inc 4 adults, rest trea.
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● LEADING JOCKEYS: A Dobbin 18-70 (229%), B Storey 12-121 (39%), R Supple 9-55 (124%), R Johnson 5-10 (50%).
● RAVOLERTES: 30-329 (335%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Mountain Oream (visored, 850).
LONG DISTAINCE TRAVELLERS: None.

6.50 STAKIS ASSURED MEETINGS NOVICE HURDLE (E) £3,500 2m 4f 110yds

GOING: Good to Firm.

• Right-hand course with sharp turns. Run-in 290yd.

6.40 Nosey Native 7.10 Wild Colonial Boy 7.40 Cinder Hills 8.10 Bollin Rita 8.40 Brimming 9.10 Yalta

GOING: Good. STALLS: 7f & tm - Inside; 6f & 1m 2f - outside; 1m 6f - centre. DRAW ADVANTAGE; High for 5f to 6f; Low 7f 30yd to 1m 40yd. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 51 to 57, Low 71 style of the Courts (Inc.)

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• LEADING JOCKEYS: Pet Eddery 24 wins from 86 rides (success rate 345%), FAVOURETES: 201 wins from 563 races (success rate 345%).

BLINKENED FIRST TIME: Pelnument Star (740, Master Caster (visoned, 70), Legend Of Love (visoned, 740).

6.40 RED ROSE HANDICAP AMATEURS (G) \$2,500 tm 21 120 yrds

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7.20 DUNEDIN INDEPENDENT NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) 25,000 added 2m

CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m

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2 2535 CHARIOT DEL (20) W Rock (6) 10 11 0 ... L Carmins (3)

3 3PLB OUT ON A PROBLESE (20) (D) L Lungs 6 11 0 ... R Sopple

4 040FF REALLY USEFUL (20) M Rocharter 8 11 D ... L Wyer

5 05153 ROBARA (13) M Bornes 8 11 0 ... Signer (3)

6 65FEP SUPER GUY (16) J Barcley 6 11 0 ... B Harding

1 3084 VINTAGE TAITTINGER (159) (C) J Golde 8 11 0 ... A Dobbin

- B doclared ... B 10 ... A Dobbin

- B doclared ... B 11 D ... A Dobbin

- B doclared ... Super Guy

7-1 Vintage Taittinger, 10-1 Robara, 14-1 Rosely Useful, 25-1 Super Guy

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7.50 BELL & SIME CONDITIONALS HANDI-CAP HURDLE (E) £4,000 3m 110yds

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Schofield is hoping for 'home' win

Rugby League

By Dave Hadfield

GARRY SCHOFTELD will be on familiar ground when he Headingley for the first time in a competitive match this evening.

"We played a friendly eainst Leeds in January, but this will be a different matter," said Schofield, who spent nine vears at Headingley.

"Tve told my players that this is the big stage, but they will be going into it full of confidence after winning our first Super League game of the season against Warrington last week."

Schofield keeps faith with the 17 who gained that boost to their morale, resisting any temptation to make a swansong cameo appearance at his old stamping ground.

Huddersfield have extended

their loan of the Leeds prop, Jamie Field, to the end of the season, and hope to clinch a new deal with Neil Harmon - a recent transfer target for Bradford before tonight's match. Schofield has also admitted

Bobbic Goulding, if his current

bout of trouble at St Helens

leads to him becoming available.

"It's well known that I get on well with Bobbie and I would have to be interested in a playtakes his Huddersfield side to er of his quality if he was on the transfer list," Schofield said. "But I think they missed him on Sunday and I don't think they will let him go."

Huddersfield face an unchanged starting line-up, with Barrie McDermott and Adrian Morley - who has indicated that he wants to use a grandparental qualification to play for Wales against England next month - coming back into the reckoning via the bench.

Halifax have Kelvin Skerrett and Martin Moana back for tonight's other match. Visitors Hull have Craig Murdock making his debut at scrum-half, enabling Gary Lester to move to stand-off and Logan Campbell to loose forward.

Warrington have picked up a damaging legacy from their defeat. In-form scrum-half Lec-Briers has damaged a knee and will be out for a month. John Duffy, two years Briers' junior that he would be interested in at 17, is expected to deputise.

Marijuana users 'will keep medals'

Drugs in sport

ATHLETES competing at this year's Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur will not be stripped of their medals if they test positive for marijuana.

"We are not interested in marijuana because it isn't a restricted drug in any Commonwealth sports, so we don't take any notice of it," said Dr Geoffrey Haigh, the medical advisor for the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Marijuana testing and the city's pollution problems were two of the topics discussed at a Commonwealth Games Federation meeting held last week in Kuala Lumpur. The drug became an issue at

when traces were found in urine samples given by the Canadian snowboarder, Ross Rebagliati. The IOC's decision was later overturned and the medal reinstated by the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which ruled there was no provision for marijuana testing at the Olympics.

Embarrassed by the fiasco, the IOC's executive board agreed in April to draft new provisions in the Olympic Charter and the IOC medical code. IOC officials said marijuana would be added to the banned list and any athletes testing positive for the drug would be disqualified. Haigh said the Commonweath Games Federation would follow the new rules when they came into force.

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KNOCKOUTS the Sheffield-based heavyweight boxer Pele Reid has amassed from 11 fights. The former world kick boxing champion is ranked No 6 by the World Boxing Organisation.

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THE Netherlands coach, Guus Hiddink, has admitted that captain Thomas Helmer in Dennis Bergkamp may not be fit in time for his side's opening World Cup game against Belgium a week on Saturday.

Bergkamp has been out with a hamstring injury since the middle of May, but Hiddink had been hoping the Arsenal striker would be ready to start the Group E match at the Stade de France. "Time is running out for Dennis," admitted Hiddink as his side prepared for their final warm-up match against Nigeria

today. Hiddink will want to test the fitness of PSV Eindhoven's central midfielder Wim Jonk in that game. Jonk has been suffering with a groin injury and, if he is not fit, Hiddink seems certain to favour the right-footed Aron Winter as a partner for Phillip Cocu instead of the leftfooted Edgar Davids

The German trainer Berti gen Klinsmann's performance closely in their final World Cup warm-up match against Luxembourg at Mannheim today. He said: "I want to see Jürgen and I know I would have the play for 90 minutes, now that he's fit again and played for 20 minutes against Columbia."

The German side go into the

Vogts, who will also be keenly monitoring Bayern Munich's training. Vogts said he did not want to risk another injury to Helmer, who has only just returned after a thigh injury.

Vogts said: "I got the green light from the team doctor to play Thomas for one half. He is a very important player, with influence and standing, and I think he is a crucial player for our team." He added he would use the opportunity to try out other players, including wingback Joerg Heinrich, who disappointed in a recent friendly ainst Finland.

physical conditions to play."

covered in 15 days and expects to resume playing for Rio's game in high spirits, following Flamengo. Some fans cried their convincing 3-1 win against when they saw Romario. Oth-Columbia last weekend. The ers shouted invective against game against Luxembourg, who Zico, the team's coordinator have not qualified for the World whom they said was responsible Cup finals, would be a "nice for Romario's exclusion.

Baggio set to join Ronaldo at Inter

A season, a club spokesman said yesterday.

yet to sign a contract, and the shirt. Ariel Ortega, the skillful deal is not yet official but it Valencia midfielder, received could come as early as today, the No 10 shirt which Diego said the spokesman. Baggio earned a place on Italy's World Cup squad with a late surge for the league.

At Inter, he would be paired with the Brazilian Ronaldo, who joined the club last summer and helped them win the Uefa Cup and finish second in the a contract for two or three game. years with Inter, the spokesman said.

The Argentinian striker Gabriel Batistuta appeared as- very important player to me but sured of a place in his country's we must wait and see what his World Cup team, despite a his-condition is. tory of differences with head coach Daniel Passarella.

team included two surprises: avoid injuries."

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ITALIAN striker Roberto Bag- Carlos Roa in the goal instead gio will almost definitely join In- of German Burgos, and left ternazionale for the next Serie back Hector Pineda instead of

Batistuta, the Fiorentina The 31-year-old striker has striker, was given the No 9 Maradona wore in the last four World Cups.

son with 22 goals, fourth-best in the World Cup after injuring his knee in yesterday's 1-1 draw against China. The experienced 29-year-old Pohang Steelers forward was stretchered off the pitch and taken to hospital after being hurt in a tackle 14 league. Baggio is likely to sign minutes into the warm-up

"Hwang has problems with his knee," South Korea coach Cha Bum-Kun said. "He is a

"We had trouble in attack in his absence today." Bum-As Passarella confirmed the Kun added. "The Chinese shirt numbers assigned to each were playing rough, and our player, the apparent starting players stood back a bit to

run-in for France", added

The Brazilian striker Romario returned home on Wednesday after being dropped from the Brazilian World Cup squad because of an injured right calf. "I went to France full of happiness and surrounded by friends," Romario said shortly after arriving at Rio de Janeiro's international airport. "I return Vogts is to watch captain Jür- alone and full of sadness. My dream of helping Brazil win its fifth World Cup was shattered. There was a lack of patience. I know how my body functions

TOWARDS the end of Sir Alf Ramsey's momentous reign, Romario said he will have resympathy could be held out for the England manager if he was incapable of producing a consistently successful team from a pool of more than 2,000 professional players at work in the Football League.

It was a typically glib and, probably, mischievous notion which ignored the fact that the League supplied men to national teams of the four home countries as well as the Republic of Ireland. An hour with the Rothmans Football Yearbook was enough to expose Clough's assertion.

Concentrating for obvious reasons on the First Division, you first had to rule out the. Scots, the Welsh, the Irish - from both sides of the border - and the players from outside these islands who had started to infiltrate the game in England. The South Korean striker Further culling eliminated for-Bologna. He finished the sea- Hwang Sun-hong could miss mer internationals who had waned, failed candidates and the largest group, those clearly not up to standard. By my reckoning, 35 genuine contenders survived. "Three more than I make it," Ramsey said.

Ramsey's figure of 33 would come to haunt his successor. Don Revie. Appointed the England manager (Joe Mercer held the fort briefly) in June 1974 after the feted hero of 1966, he was dumped for failing to qualify for that summer's World Cup finals. Revie's biggest mistake was to overlook the difficulty implicit in Ramsey's assessment. Barely a year after taking the job, Revie's optimism had already given way to seri-

in 1982. England played in their first World Cup for 12 years but Brian Clough declared that no their return to the top ended in disappointment. Ken Jones reports

Bryan Robson scores the fastest goal in World Cup history - 27 seconds - as England get off to the perfect start in the 1982 finals with a 3-1 win against France

A flying start but a frustrating finish

ENGLAND AT THE WORLD CUP **1982** Spain **GROUP 4** England & France 1 England 2 Czechoslovakia 0 England J. Kuwait 0 SEMI-FINALS Italy 2 Poland 0 West Germany 3 France 3

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England 9 Spain 0 done well enough on the field

ifying points for the 1976 European Championship-but he had come across a dearth of influential talent "I hadn't realised how important it had been at Leeds to have players from the other home countries," he said. "We had internationals in every po-

- four wins in five matches, in-

cluding three that carried qual-

English. After only a few months with the England team I sensed that I'd walked into trouble." Revie, in fact, had been

The energy from a bolt of lightning is enough to power

Paris for one year. Even more amazing, the energy

sition but half of them weren't

work alongside him. When a part-timer on Ramsey's staff, Cocker realised that players with ability to handle international football were not coming forward. "Les warned me about it when I asked him to join me," Revie said, "but I thought he was being unnecessarily pessimistic. As a club manager you sometimes lose sight of the wider picture. But it wasn't

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weren't good enough." When England were nudged out of a place in the European Championship finals, Revie alerted to the problem by Les knew how difficult it would be

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Cup in Argentina, especially when they were drawn in a qualifying group with Italy. A 2-0 loss in Rome in November 1976 filled Revie with gloom. "We weren't in the same league,' he confided.

By the summer of 1977, England's absence from the World Cup finals looked like running to at least 12 years. Missing from England's match in Brazil, the first of three on a summer tour, Revie returned from clandestine negotiations to seek an assurance from the FA that Bobby Robson had not been lined up as his replace-

that scandalised English football and branded him as a traitor. He walked out.

Canon Casi Pla

in an effort to restore dignity, the FA turned to Ron Greenwood, who should have been appointed in the first place. One of English football's best brains, Greenwood, by then in late middle-age, was approaching the end of his career at West Ham, unhappy with the role of consultant.

A 2-0 defeat of Italy at Wembley, when their only chance of reaching Argentina was victory by six or seven goals, meant that England would miss another World Cup.

Three years later England found themselves up against it again following a defeat in Switzerland. They were rescued by a 3-1 victory against Hungary in Budapest, where Trevor Brooking, one of Greenwood's students at West Ham, meant that England went treatment," Sansom added. through to the 1932 finals.

Greenwood felt that he had a chance. He had the respect of senior players in the squad and a number of talented youngsters, including the Arsenal left-back, Kenny Sansom, and Manchester United's dynamic

midfielder, Bryan Robson. Sansom first came to Greenwood's attention in an outstanding Crystal Palace youth team and he was thrilled to be called on for the finals in Spain. "Every footballer who gets to a World Cup for the first time says that it's the stuff of dreams, but you have to be there to know how thrilling it is," Sansom said recently. "It gives you such

coming, Revie took a decision there, men you don't normally come up against, posing different problems from League matches. It's like nothing else a player ever comes across."

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England started well, defeating France 3-1 in Bilbao, their first goal coming from Bryan Robson after less than 30 seconds - "From a throw-in that I was supposed to take," Sansom said. "Instead, Steve Coppell picked up the ball and when Terry Butcher flicked it on there was Robbo, bingo, a goal. Afterwards we learned what we had already guessed, that it, was the quickest in the history of the World Cup."

England topped their group, with further victories over Czechoslovakia and Kuwait, but Brooking and Kevin Keegan were still missing because of niggling injuries. "It seemed'. to be taking a long time for them to get over them and things didn't look good when scored a glorious goal which Kevin flew to Germany for

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A 0-0 draw with West Ger many in Madrid meant that England needed to beat Spain, while scoring at least two goals, to qualify for the semi-finals. With 27 minutes left the game was goalless and Greenwood sent on Brooking and Keegan as substitutes. Immediately, Brooking should have scored but shot straight at the Spanish goalkeeper. Shortly afterwards, Keegan headed wide. "No excuses, I should have scored," Keegan said. England were out and Greenwood was on his

way into retirement. "We just couldn't score," Sansom said. "If only Gary Lineker had come along a bit C

ous misgivings. England had Cocker, who had left Leeds to to qualify for the 1978 World ment. When this was not forth- a buzz. All the best players are sooner." Hartson stalls on new deal

AS West Ham's Welsh striker John Hartson flew into Tunisia last night to face England's first World Cup rivals with his country, his club future looked less certain. Hartson - who is believed to

want £20,000 a week to sign a new deal - has been stalling over signing a three-year extension to his current extension, and last week was the subject of a bid from Blackburn.

West Ham put a £10m price tag on their top scorer - before saying he was not for sale and Blackburn Rovers manager Roy Hodgson splashed out £7.5m on Southampton's Kevin Davies instead. Hartson has been in brilliant form for the Ham-

mers and scored the second goal in Wales's 3-0 win in Malta on Wednesday.

Leeds and Aston Villa are anxiously awaiting a decision from Alan Thompson after holding talks with the Bolton midfielder. The two clubs are in a straight fight for the 24year-old, with Leeds chairman Peter Ridsdale and Aston Villa supremo Doug Ellis both prepared to spend £4m to secure his services.

Coventry are hoping to quickly complete the £700,000 signing of Jean Guy Wallemme from French champions Lens while newly-promoted Bristol City have signed Fulham striker Tony Thorpe for £1m.

Joseph Blatter, the Fifa presidential hopeful emphasised his commitment to award the 2006 World Cup to an African country as he hit the campaign trail in battle-torn Liberia.

Blatter, who met with local football officials and Liberian star George Weah, also promised to increase funding to sport programmes in this West African country which in 1996 emerged from seven years of

civil war. Celtic yesterday dismissed their assistant head coach Murdo MacLeod, who was Wim Jansen's No 2. In a short statement, the Parkhead side announced that MacLeod had his contract terminated.

Brighton close to securing temporary home

BRIGHTON and Hove Albion have taken another step towards playing at Withdean Stadium next season after two more Council committees gave them permission to become the new enants of the athletics ground.

Earlier this week planners voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Third Division side's proposals to use the stadium as temporary home, and a final decision will be made at a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee a week today.

ernment's decision whether or commission in London. not to call a full public inquiry. The leader of Brighton and Hove Council, Lord Bassam, is pushing for a quick decision to be made and doubts if the government will intervene.

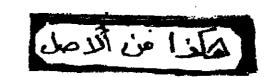
Plymouth Argyle have been fined £6,000 and warned to their future conduct by the Football Association after admitting operating a no-win lottery. The West Country club were found to be in breach of the FA's mis-

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> An FA spokesman said: "Plymouth admitted they were guilty of operating a no-win policy on their Cash-Line Lottery on six occasions." The club were also

ordered to pay £5,000 costs. Neville Southall has applied for the vacant manager's job at Bury, the club where he began his illustrious career.Southall left Gigg Lane in 1980 to join Everton where he went on to make over 700 appearances.





Seles turns on the power to stun Hingis

Tennis By John Roberts

MONICA SELES was absolutely radiant on the Centre Court at the French Open yesterday, reminding the tennis world of the tenacious excellence that was all but lost the day she was stabbed in the back while playing in Hamburg five years ago.

Martina Hingis, the latest teenage sensation, might have defeated Seles in their five previous matches, but in reality this was the first occasion on which the 24-year-old former world No I had been more than a shad-

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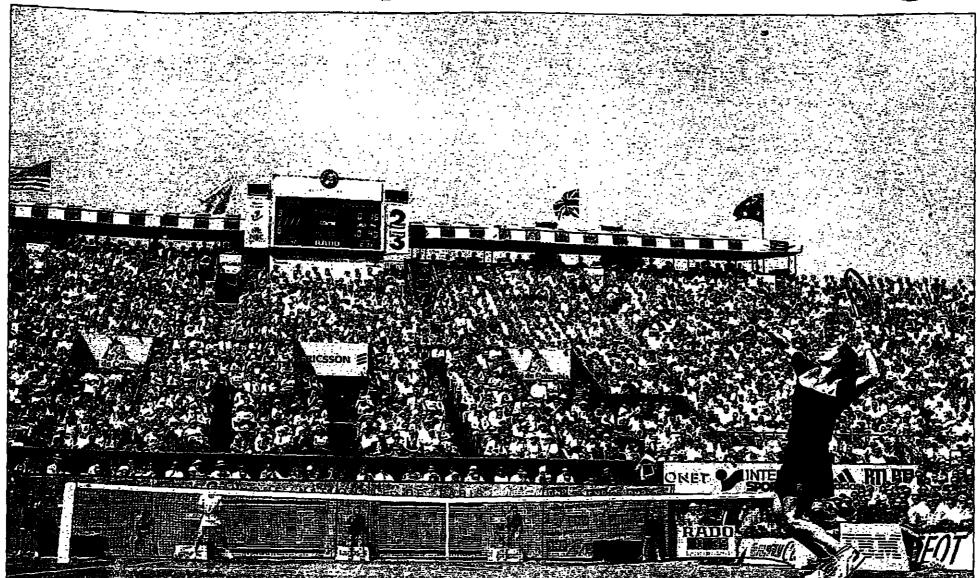
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ow of the great player she was. The experience, a 6-3, 6-2 defeat, rudely interrupted the 17-year-old Swiss's quest to complete her collection of the four Grand Slam singles titles and put Seles in tomorrow's final against the 26-year-old Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, just like in the good old days. All that remains is for Steffi Graf to return for Wimbledon in littie more than a fortnight's time. a prospect which appears more promising by the day.

Before readers hasten to jog your correspondent's memory that Seles did soar into the final of the 1995 United States Open on ber comeback, 27 months after the attack in Germany, and actually won the Australian Open in January, 1996, it must be emphasised that her performance yesterday was reminiscent of the electricity she brought to sport when winning the first eight of her Grand Slam titles.

The circumstances surrounding Seles's appearance here only 12 days after the death of her father and coach, Karolj, added a poignant dimension to her victory, which she described as, "A little bit of sunshine after so many clouds".

Her immediate reaction after securing the match point, after 69 minutes, was to turn and



Monica Seles plays to the crowd as she serves to Martina Hingis during her semi-final victory over the world No 1 in the French Open yesterday

make a clenched fist salute to her mother. Esther, who was seated beside her agent, Mark Mc-Cormack, who has played an important role in her rehabilitation as a player and a personality.

A year ago, Hingis defeated Seles in the semi-finals here, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4, which was acknowledged as a creditable performance by the Yugoslavian-born American, given her struggle to maintain a high level of fitness and commitment

Moreover, Hingis already had become the youngest Grand Slam champion of the century in Australia. Although lacking the stamina to prevent Iva Majoli from beating her in the final at Roland Garros, Hingis went on to win Wimbledon and the US Open and to make a successful

title defence in Australia. Yesterday, having advanced to the semi-finals with a straight sets win against her 17-year-old American rival, Venus Williams, during her father's long illness. Hingis finally discovered the Monica has," Hingis said. "She years," she said, "but in the past

Seles she marvelled at as a nineyear-old watching matches on television.

Here, grunting with a vengeance, was the two-handed demon of the courts, raking the lines and pinpointing the corners with her ground strokes, and prepared to nin down every seemingly lost cause.

There are players, like Mary Pierce and Venus, who have power like that, but not from every corner of the court, as I did in 1990, and all those

Coulthard still optimistic

just hits everything very hard and five years some things were just very aggressive from every part more important in my life to conof the court. Usually she makes centrate on the tennis game. more mistakes, or she gets a lit-"Hopefully nothing beyond tle bit tired, but today she just

my control will happen to me in the next few years, so I can work really hard. I really feel that's where my game will have to go, because women's tennis bas changed so much, and it's going to keep changing. You have to change with the times."

Asked again if she had dedicated her performance to her father, she said, "No, my dad just

really wanted me to do what I wanted to do. Tennis is one of the things that I love to do. I miss him tremendously, but, win or lose, it doesn't make a difference

in me thinking about my dad." Seles has won all but two of her 16 previous matches against Sanchez Vicario, who defeated the American Lindsay Davenport, 6-3, 7-6, in a semi-final memorable for 15 serve breaks and 85 unforced errors in 144 points. Davenport was respon-

Black's heart defect revealed

Athletics

By Mike Rowbottom

ROGER BLACK spoke yesterday about the fear he has lived with throughout his athletics career because of a serious heart defect. The British team captain reveals in a book due out later this month that at the age of 11 he was diagnosed as having a congenitally infected valve in his heart, some thing he has kept a secret to all but a close circle of people, His condition has required him to bave annual check-ups at Southampton General Hospital.

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He said: "I have lived with the fear of knowing that I could walk out of the doors having been told that I could never do sport again."

Black's career - in which he has won European and Commonwealth 400 metres titles and two Olympic silver medals - has been a rollercoaster ride of achievement and injury. But the heart problem which forced him to give up for a period as a schoolboy has been known only to his family and associates.

As recently as 1985, the year Black won the European Junior a heart specialist wrote to his father expressing reservations about the severe training he was undergoing. "I have to do this for reasons you will appreciate." the specialist wrote. Black's father, a GP until he retired in 1991, also suffers from a heart condition, although of a different type. Black also reveals how he suffered a serious heart scare in 1989, shortly after returning from a two-year absence with a foot injury. He was rushed to hospital when doctors suspected he had a potentially serious heart infection which might have required open heart surgery - and would have meant

the end of his career. After undergoing a week of tests, his problem was diagnosed as being a combination of pneumonia and psittacosis, a viral infection which can be caught from parrois.

Black, now 32 and due to retire after this season's European Champions, has missed only one heart check-up in the last 21 years. That was in 1996, as he was preparing to earn the first Olympic medal of his career. "Whatever I was told," he said, "I knew that that year of all years I would not have stopped running for anything."

Players fail to oust Williams

REX WILLIAMS yesterday won his battle to keep his place the result and now I want to as the head of the World Pro- work with everyone to ensure fessional Billiards and Snook- the game prospers. It is imper-

players, including Stephen Hendry and John Higgins, had tried to overthrow Williams, the hairman of the WPBSA, and his fellow directors. For months, there has been a bitter conflict between the two sides, but at an

tion to remove the directors of the Association was defeated by 38 votes to 34.

Eight of the game's leading that we have unity," Williams the changes we want.

"If I don't think I can achieve what I want to achieve. I will go anyway. I'm 65 and extraordinary general meeting want to go back and enjoy what

Athletics

Basketball

Cricket

Cycling

Motor racing

DAVID COULTHARD faces

to get on with it and implement | afford to let McLaren teammate Mika Hakkinen extend his 17 points advantage at the top with the mid-way point of the

season drawing near. The pressure will be on the

"Mika's advantage might seem end. I was looking good there quite a lot, but things can last year until a pit-stop went change very quickly in Formu-

ning it this year. 'I was unfortunate in Mona-

Law has qualifying success

Sailing

By Stuart Alexander

DEFENDING champion Chris Law yesterday beat co-favourite today's semi-final places. Gavin Brady in his final pair of manoeuvres.

for the 12 competitors were completed. Law then won the

world champion's second such Jones of New Zealand. Law's

Sporting Digest

Jordan falls at first hurdle

Basketbail

MICHAEL JORDAN, the Chicago Bulls guard and NBA superstar who was said to be worth \$10bn to his sport earlier this week, was brought down to earth on Wednesday night when the Chicago Bulls, the reigning NBA champions, lost the first game in this year's bestof-seven final series to the Utah Jazz, 88-85.

The Bulls, who started as the favourites, have dominated the NBA in recent years, including five consecutive championships starting in 1991. When they played the last game of their play offs against the Indiana Pacers, over 20 million people watched on television.

Sprinters race to find fastest

Athletics

BRITAIN'S top sprinters are set to go head-to-head this summer in a three-race series to find the "Fastest Man in Britain."

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M S Atapatitu, P P M. Jayasurardena, P A de
Silva, H P Tileteretire, 19 S Keluwitherne,
H D P K Dharmesena, G P Wickensesinghe,
M Muretitheran, G N Senderatiales. The winner will collect £6,000 in prize money, provided by toiletry company Nivea, who will spend around £100,000 each year supporting British Cycling
GIRO D'ITALIA 19th stage (239km, Canteses to Plan di Montacampione): 1 M Panateses to Plan di Montacampione): 1 M Panateses to Plan di Montacampione): 1 M Panateses (2 P Torkov (Pus) Mapsa +573e; 3 G Guerini (8) Sargho +404; 5 D Ciscer (Sp.) Visalici Seguros same ima; 6 D de Paoli (1) Pasci Girgo same ima; 6 D de Paoli (1) Pasci Girgo Same ima; 6 D de Paoli (1) Pasci Girgo Same ima; 6 D de Paoli (1) Pasci Girgo Same ima; 6 D de Paoli (1) Pasci Girgo Same ima; 6 D de Paoli (1) Pasci Hary +4:16; 7 O Cameroria (Swif) Mapse +5:48; 8 N Mocel +5:48; 10 P Betting (1) Pasting oversil stanting (1) Ascis +5:48. Leading oversil stanting: 1 Pantari 9 In 7 Simil 28se; 2 Fortov +1:28; 3 Guerini +5:11; 4 Cameroria +1:29; 3 Guerini +5:11; 4 Cameroria +1:32; 5 Mocel +4:23; 6 Camero +16:5; 7 Bettini +18:10; 8 G Paresin (1) Mapse +24:17; 9 De Paoli +26:01, Selected: 14 A Zuilo (Swift) Pestina +32:24. athletics over the next three years.

Darren Braithwaite, Darren Campbell and Julian Golding, the World Championship 4x100 metres relay bronze medal winners, will feature in the Nivea for Men British Sprint Challenge at Bedford on 5 July, at the BUPA Games in Gateshead on 19 July and at the British Grand Prix in Sheffield on 2 August.

"I'm naturally pleased with

ive for the sake of the game said. "The game needs change. Hopefully now we'll be allowed

in Preston yesterday, a resolu- I was doing in my retirement." | 27-year-old Scot and he said: do well in Montreal this week- on.

Only 60,000 of the 1,28m tickets for Sentember's Commonw

in Malaysia have been sold. Sukom 98,

in Malaysia have been sold. Sudam so, the organising body, said it is confident domestic sales will pick up when ticket courtiers open across the courty next month, but have launched an appeal to raise funds for the Games for a shortfall of 33m ringgit (55.25m).

Ashia Hansen, the world triple jump record-holder, will compete in three events for Shaftesbury Harriers when they open the defence of their Berlei UK Women's League title at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, tomorrow.

Basebball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore 3 Boston
O; Bronto 5 Detroit 1; NY Yankees 7 Tampa Bay 1; Chicago White Sox 10 Kansas City
5; Minnesota 3 Geverand 2: Avaneira 8 Seettie 1; Texas 15 Ceidand 10

NATIONAL LEAGUE; Chicago Cubs 5
Florida 1; San Francisco 8 Cincinnati 5; Pitteburgh 3 NY Meta 0; Atlanta 5 Minesules 2;
Montreal 3 Philadelphile 2; Colorado 3 Aricons 2; Houston 8 San Diego 2; Los Angeles
7 St Louis 4.

NSA play-off final: Utah 88 Chicago 85 (ct) (Lish Jazz lead basi-of-seven championship series 1-0).

Boxing Rene Weller, the German who was the

Rene Weller, the German who was to European lightweight champion from 1984 to 85 and again for a short time in 1988, has been arrested in Kartsruha for allegedly selling cocalne.

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New Zealand won toss NEW ZEALAND - First lunings

the biggest test of his title cre- saw his title hopes suffer when dentials in the Canadian Grand a blown engine sent him out of yesterday that he could defy the Prix in Montreal on Sunday and contention in Monaco last time odds stacked against him and esterday insisted that he is not out of championship contention.

Coulthard knows he cannot

Middlestrough have confirmed they will be taking part in a pre-sessor four-nament in The Hague on 7-9 August. The other times teams involved are Anderlecht, Den Haag and SC Hesren-

The Crystal Palace goalkeeper Car-lo Nash has joined Stockport Coun-

ty on a free transea.

West Bromwich Alblon's right-back
Andy McDermott is on course for a
possible place in the Sydney Olympics
in the year 2000. The former Gueen's
Park Rangers defender has been
called into the Australian Under-23
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squar.
The former France striker Jean-Pierre
Papin has laft Bordeaux and signed
a one-year contract with the Franch
Second Division side Guingamp.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER: San Jose Clash 0 Washington DC Utd 4; New York/New Jersey MetroStars 1 Tampa Bay Mutany 2.

Mutiny 2.
WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: International frendBES (Voalietta): Meita 0 Wales 3 (neilarny 25, Hartson 65, Permindge pen 77). (Sanitander): Spoin 4 (Pizz 25, 37, Morieries 46, 69) Northern Internat 1 (Regent 44, Bucharrest): Romenia 3 (lile 4, 57, Hagi pen 39) Paragusy 2 (Cardon 27, Acurie 62, (Lausamme, Sarig: Yugoslevia 1 (Mitaliovic 70), Ispan 0. (Brussels): Selgium 2 (Boffin 5; Wirnets 31) Colombia (18) Selgium 2 (Boffin 5; Wirnets 31) Colombia (18) Selgium 2 (Boffin 5; Wirnets 75) Lan 0.

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EVIAN WOMEN'S MASTERS (Evian, Fr)
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70 70; A Nicholas 70 70; H Kobayeshi Lispan)
70 70; D Banterd 68 72. 141 P Meunier
Labous (Fr) 78 68; L Haciney 78 68; L Maritz
(SA) 72 69; H Dobson 71 70; C Matthew 70
71; S Waugh: (Aus.) 69 72; L Device 68 73;

ty on a free transfer.

Football

la One," said Coulthard, who out. "I'm not giving up the ti- keep hold of his world title. Vilhave a very good chance of win-trailing Hakkinen by 38 points

co with the engine going. But the same thing could happen to Mika at some stage - these things even out over the season.

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1 hole; M Hamis (Ham Moor) br J McKlechnie (Hayston) 3 and 2. A Wainwright (Garforth) bt R Holt (US) 1 hole; K Weißbank (Fairhaven) bt O David (Fr) 1 hole; K Fernie (Ahmourth) bt L Kelly (Cowell) 5 and 4; M Side (Shirtey Paris) bt P Rowe (West Comwell) 2 and 1; M Loffus (Coweller) bt I Goronesicou (Fa) et 20th; S McCarthy Royal North Devon) bt L Caderonet (Swe) 3 and 2; S Garcia (Sp) bt S Branger (Fr) 7 and 5; G Ogley (Jus) bt G Storm (Mynyerd) 2 and 1; J Wahistedt (Swe) bt S Williams (Cays Farm) 3 and 1; N Pimm (Surbiton) bt J Faragan (Milliams) (Cays Farm) 3 and 1; N Pimm (Surbiton) bt J Faragan (Milliams) (Checken) bt S Wallams (Checken) bt J Wahistedt (Swe) bt S Williams (Checken) bt J Wahistedt (Swe) bt Royal (Milliams) (Checken) bt S Mackentide (Milliams) Checken (Sa) bt W Bryson (Drumpeller) at Stir; C Williams (Checken) bt S Mackentide (Milliams) Checken (Sa) bt W Bryson (Grow (Moor) bt M King (Ed) Holes (Milliams) than Moor) bt M King (Ed) though 1 hole; M Thomson (Inovocidee) bt R Gillot (Fr) 2 and 1; C Rodgers (Royal Mid Surrey) bt J Herbert (Hinchigh) 1 hole; E Gastein (US) bt E Wilson (Forfar) 4 and

after collecting only eight points from the opening six races. But the Canadian believes

wrong, so there's no reason why

Jacques Villeneuve insisted

I can't win this time."

didn't. She's back, in better

the work of her new coach, the

Australian Gavin Hopper,

stressed that she is only at the be-

ginning of a fresh commitment.

"I want to play even better than

Seles, while complimenting

shape, probably, than ever,"

changes to the rear-end of the Williams, which he tested in Monza, last week can see him "But I'm confident that I can fighting for victories from now

NHLStanley Cup play-offs: Western Con-ference final: Delias 3 Detroit 2 (of) (Detroit lead best-of-seven series 3-2).

individual and team gold medals will be awarded in a record 296 events at

the Sydney 2000 Olympics, the Australian Olympic Committee said yesterday. Twenty-eight different sports had been included and the total of

medal events was 25 higher than at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Rugby Union
WALES (v Zimbebwe, Harare, toroorrose): D Weatherley (Swanssa); R Ress
(Swanssa), D James (Pontypridd), M Reyfor (Swanssa), W Proctor (Lenelli); A
Thomas (Swanssa), R Howley (Cardift
capt); D More (Richmond), M Jones
(Edby Vale), A Moore (Richmond), M Jones
(Edby Vale), A Moore (Swanssa), N Thomas
(Edb), S Columed (Richmond), M Williams
(Pontypridd), Replacements: M Griffiths
(Pontypridd), B Williams (Richmond), C
Charvis (Swanssa), C Wyatt (Lenell), B
Hoyaard (Edby Vale), J Furnell (Edby Vale),
P John (Pontypridd).

ROYAL LYMINGTON CUP Wednesday's results: 1 G Brady (Hong Kong) Spits; 2 B Pace (Fr) 7; 3 C Lew (GB) 6; 4 I Williams (GB) 56; 5 P Petrasson (Swe) 5; 6 L Pilot (Fr) 45; 7= M Jones (NZ), A Green (GB), J Spithii (Aus) 4.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Elike League: Kingls Lynn 33 (pswich 57; Poole 47 Belle Vus 43. Premier League: Hull 42 Sheffletd 48.

Olympic Games

Widnes 36 Leigh 16.

Rugby Union

Salling

qualifying matches at the Hoya

rounds of knock-out matches semi-final qualifier.

FRENCH OPEN (Stade Roland Garros, Paris) Women's singles, semi-finats: A SANCHEZ-VICARIO (Sp) bt L DAVENPORT (US) 6-3 7-6; M SELES (US) bt M HINGS (Swit) 6-3 6-2.

(US) 6-37-6; M SELES (US) bt M HINGS (SWI) 6-3 6-2.

Mism's dotables, semi-final: M Knowles (Beirsm) and D Nestor (Carl) bt M BHUPRIN and L PAES (md) 6-17-8.

Women's dotables, quanter-finale: L DAV-ENPORT (US) and N ZVENEVA (Rus) bt 8 SCHETT (Aut) and P SC-NYDER (Swi) 6-47-5; A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) and H SUNONA (CC Pap) bt 5 Ferina (t) and K Hesbudows (Slowel) 6-0-6-2 M HNOIS (Swi) and D NOVOTNA (CZ Pap) bt C MARTHEZ (Sp) and P TARABIN (Arg) 6-3-6-2; A KOURNINO-VA (Rus) and L NELAND (Lin) bt A FUSAI and N Tauzist (Fr) 7-5-6-3.

Mismed dotables, quanter-finale: R McCUIL-LANI and D MacPHERSON (Aus) bt L MoNEI. (US) and J EAGLE (Aus) 7-6-1; S Williams (US) and L LODO (Arg) bt K BOOGETT (Neth) and D JOHNSON (US) 6-3 7-5: K KUNCE (Aus) and F MONTANA (US) bt M BOLLE-CRAF (Neth) and R LEACH (US) 7-5-3-6 8-2.

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Today's fixtures

JJB SPORTS SUPER LEAGUE: Halitax v Hull (745); Leeds v Huddersfield (745).

ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue v Oxford (7:30).

PREMITER LEAGUE: Arena Essex v New-port (B.O); Peterborough v Glasgow (7.45).

GOLP: National Car Rental English Open (Hanbury Maxor, Ware); Amateur Champi-onship (Mulriteld).

TENNIS: Surrey Grass Court Champi-onships (Surbition).

Rugby League

Other sports

Speedway

Tennis

match at a trot. These three topped the rankings to find the top six who sail each other for There was a delay to allow

the light south-westerly to detle by any means. I still think I leneuve goes into his home race | Lymington Cup. For good mea-velop on the 600-yard track insure, Law then caught the man side Hurst Spit, off Keyhaven. who had been second overall, Britain's Andy Green was Bertrand Pacé, in their pre-start knocked out, but Ian Williams, made the cut behind Per Pet-It was the French former terson of Sweden and Murray mistake of the day, the first con- pace was then disrupted as he ceded to Brady, as the 14 lost to Williams in his first

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Atherton back in command

By Derek Pringle at Edgbaston

England 249-1 v South Africa

TEST cricket can be a harsh mistress, and when Hansie Cronje won the toss on a damp pitch under leaden skies, he must have thought he was in clover. Instead, six hours later, the initial sense of well-being had become a bed of nails, as Michael Atherton, scoring his 12th Test century, took England to a commanding position.

Playing in his first match af-

ter stepping down from the captaincy, Atherton ended the day unbeaten on 103, his first century at this level since the 118 he scored in the second innings at Christchurch 15 months ago.

"It was never a day, when you ever really felt in," Atherton said afterwards. "The ball swung and seamed all day and you really had to work hard for your runs and Shaun Pollock must have beaten the bat 30 or 40 times."

It would be tempting to conclude that unburdened by one of the most difficult jobs in sport he has simply been reborn. Yet while it is no doubt true that captaincy clutters the mind with thoughts unrelated to your own game - by the end Atherton was pre-occupied most of his waking day – his batting average actually improved with leadership.

More accurate might be the assessment that although the trademark strengths, as well as one or two recent weaknesses, were present, the proportions were different - something a lacklustre performance by Allan Donald and Co would have partly contributed towards.

Biding his time, Atherton looked relaxed at the crease, his feet and bat moving in unison, rather than a confused sequence he showed in the West Indies which often betrays low confidence levels. His bad back, so often a factor in his technical shortcomings, also looked chipper, and one cover drive for four, off Lance Klusener, was as languid as they come.

He was helped along by Mark Butcher, who seemed to nonplus the visitors' pace bowlers, and on a slow pitch. he confidently followed an onwith infrequent but occasionally opening stand was allowed to

flourish. There is much bunkum spoken in the name of nostalgia and many felt that splitting the Atherton-Stewart opening partnership would bring pestilence and plague. As it was, England's former captain added 179 with his latest partner, a stand eight runs higher than the best he



A smiling Mike Atherton shakes hands with his successor as England captain, Alec Stewart, after scoring a century against South Africa at Edgbaston yesterday

managed with Alec Stewart, at Bridgetown early in 1994. Of the two, it was Butcher,

who settled first, though he should perhaps have been given out lbw to Pollock when he was on 11. The left-hander has been in rare form for Surrey and driven boundary in Donald's new ball that briefly generated second over with another past a threat. South Africa bowled mid-off. By contrast, Atherton took 23 balls to get off the mark.

Within the hour, the sun was out and Cronje himself was on plying his attritional mediumpace well wide of off-stump, something definitely not in his

original script. Whether the visitors expected England to lie down something not unreasonable in

the speed with which South Africa retracted any adventure was bewildering, and it must have boosted the confidence of Atherton and Butcher, neither of whom are among the most frenetic wielders of a willow.

Indeed, after a spell with the

Egbaston scoreboard

ENGLAND - First Innings

M A Atherton not out ...

Extres (b)? b 16 we).

Fell: 1-179 (Butcher).

M A Butcher c Kallis b Adems

(272 min, 214 bells, 7 tours)

(360 min, 275 balls, 12 fours)

Total (for 1, 360 min, 92 overs) -__249

*†A J Stewart not out (86 min, 63 balls, 3 fours)

light of their past performances sloppily without either wit or vigour, which was borne out by the 25 runs they gave away in wides and byes. Even the lone success, when Butcher's topedged sweep off Paul Adams fell to Jacques Kallis at square leg,

was unplanned. Mind you, so was the anpearance at three of the captain, Stewart. Apparently, having

To bet: N Husselt, G P Thorpe, M R Rem-praisest, M A Eathern, D G Cork, R D B Croft, D Gough, A R C Fraser.

D Gough, A R C Fraser.
Bowfing to disthit: Donald 18-5-43-0 (w2)
62-13-0, 20-5-0, 5-0-19-0, 3-1-8-0, 2-2-0
0; Politock 22-8-37-0 (w1) (7-4-7-0, 7-1-18-0, 3-0-3-0, 4-3-5-0, 1-0-8-0); Klussons:
18-4-8-7, 8-3-2-6, 5-1-9-0, 3-0-10-0;
Cronie 11-3-22-0 (w1) (4-2-4-0, 5-1-6-0, 4-0-18-0); Adams: 18-2-47-1, 6-0-19-0; 10-2-28-1; Kellis 7-2-18-0 (w1) (one specil).
Progress: First day: 50: 62 min, 195 overs.
Lunch: 67-0 (Butcher 25, Alberton 35) 30

EVEN in his hour of personal

triumph Michael Atherton kept

a cool distance between himself

and any shows of unbridled

emotion at Edgbaston yesterday.

The generous applause of a

crowd who could sense the for-

mer captain's immense relief

hardly brought a broad smile as

his successor strode forward to

Atherton kissed his helmet

discreetly and there was a brief

hint of a wry grin, which was in

response to Stewart's teasing as

they met half-way down the

pitch. "He said it was a crap

shot," Atherton revealed, his

12th and most important

boundary having skewed off

Afterwards, facing the ranks

offer congratulations.

By Jon Culley

day, Nasser Hussain had requested a five-minute breather, during which the wicket fell.

A new gizmo, which measures the speed of a bowler's delivery- it employs the Doppler effect and is, by all accounts, highly accurate - proved revealing. All three main pace tributed, or the right and left-

bowlers were clocked between overs. 100: 184 min, 425 overs. 150: 238 rdn, 602 overs. Tea: \$1-0 (Buicher 65, Afher-ton 65) 62 overs. 200: 303 min, 79 overs. New ball taken after 89 overs a at 239-1.

Butcher's 50: 198 min, 142 bells, 4 fours. Afteriori's 50: 180 min, 146 bells, 5 fours. 190: 354 min, 289 bells, 12 fours. SOUTH AFRICA: G. F. J. Liebenberg, G. Kirsten, J.H. Kellis, B.J. Califrien, "W.J. Cronje, J.N. Rhodes, S.M. Pollock, †M.V. Boucher, L. Klusener, P.R. Adems, A.A. Doneki. Unaptres: D R Shepherd and R B Tiffin.

been padded up for most of the 81 and 86 mph, their uniform ence of a new voice at the pace matching their uninspired outlook.

helm. Whatever the precise

combination of reasons, there

is no escaping the fact that

playing potent cricket at Edg-

Had the bowling been the same,

England might not have enjoyed

their best opening day since

With real chances thin on the

However, bowling to fields set to stifle, South Africa's England are making a habit of bowlers erred in length far too often for any mistake-inducing pressure to build. Perhaps the sluggishness of the pitch conhand combination, but there was a distracted air about some of their cricket that suggested the grind of the international circuit - this is their 12th Test in eight months - is finally be- four days, this time last year. ginning to leave its mark.

It may have been the £200,000 incentive bonus promised should England win the series that sharpened their resolve, or merely the pres-

Freedom for a man stuck in concrete

By Henry Blofeld

WHILE it may seem far fetched to suggest that Mike Atherton's transformation was entirely the result of his having given up the captaincy, it surely was the rea-son. At the end of his reign, as his own form disintegrated, hebecame a more nervous and uncertain character than usual As a batsman his feet became ever more firmly set in concrete.

His composure at Edgbaston yesterday was remarkable. There were no signs of nerves as he waited eight overs to get off the mark. His footwork was sure and nimble, and his stroke selection excellent. It was amazing that this was the man who had been LBW shuffling despairingly across his stumps to Curtly Ambrose in the second innings of the recent Test against the West Indies in

Atherton has obviously won a considerable battle within his own mind. When he resigned he must have been intensely disappointed, not to say dejected. He said at the time that he hoped to play in the one-day internationals in the Caribbean but was not selected and indeed suffered the ignominy of having to act as the drinks waiter and general bottle washer.

He must have felt like throw-ing in his hand, but with great spirit he stuck it out. To make it worse he made a poor start to this season and realised that he was now back in the ranks and that no one would do him any favours.

Diana's

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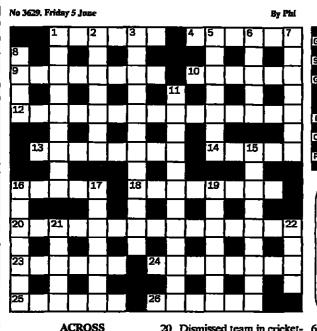
deal :

It has been his strong personality, which has made his recovery possible. He has shut his mind to the past and got on with it. Atherton is not a player who naturally communicates enjoyment when he bats and yet in this innings he was clearly enjoying himself immensely.

It was hard to fault him technically and the quality of his stroke play, particularly his off. driving, was a delight. He played ground, the celebrations that impeccably straight and always greeted the fall of Butcher, seemed unhurried, a sure sign that a batsman is on terms with himself. Of course, he will have been as surprised as anyone at the waywardness of he South African bowling.

despatching Australia inside This innings showed that Atherton is back in the team County reports, scoreboard, page 27 and no longer out on a limb.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



Feature of a parable (story presented by New Testa-Scots lassie in charge im-

prisoning English (6) Wrong percussion instrument swamping second choral performance (4-4) 10 British enthralled by a symbol of Britain? Britain

meat - pronouncing it "mate", perhaps (4,2,3,6) 13 Beef (till found to be diseased) – a good thing in the main? (4-4) Some proposed a change in country-house (5) 16 Bay's sunny? Not right (5) 18 I'm questioning noble? (8) 5

12 Impropriety concerning

20 Dismissed team in cricketmatch without hesitation (and not one's best field!) Increased receipts leading

to apprehension? (6) Ultimately annoying boy makes fun of nice clothes 25 Hesitate to change beside

Work of mine I advanced, having poor foresight? (6) DOWN Metal production - can making coins do without it,

ultimately? (3-6) Flexible roster shortened a little? (7) Not understanding educational failure? (4,3,5) Finally everyone's heard the news (3-4)

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One's abandoned betting? Untrue (5) Level of light may be re-sponsible for hold-up, mostly (7) Employs sources of inspi-

ration (not male) (4) Execution providing unpleasant end at the play Unconventional romance with an Irish setting? (9) Mythical hero in book un-

commonly woeful (7) 17 Give pleasure, taking in river and stream (7) 19 Increased price for drug? Put one's toot down! (5,2) 21 All Biblical books will be involved in a lot of discussion (5) 22 Time to query the assign-

TRADITIONALISTS always

A women's team from Perth, Western Australia, have accused the Australian Rugby Union of hypocrisy and double standards for preventing them from accepting sponsorship

Former captain's quiet response of a press with whom he had a

sometimes frosty relationship as captain, it was clear he was not going to waste the opportunity to reflect on a day when the fates were on his side. Batsmen in mid-innings at close of play have been known to decline all interviews but, after 15 months, the chance to describe a Test

century was not to be missed. "They are all special but it has been a long time since the last one and I suppose there is a feeling of relief," he said.

"Whether the removal of the demands of captaincy had anything to do with it I cannot say but one of the reasons for my giving up the job was a lack of runs, so maybe this shows it was a good decision. I'll perhaps allow myself half a glass of champagne tonight."

Atherton denied he had anything to prove, although he had spoken about needing to "invent a new phase" in his career. There was no better way than this for the former England captain to begin.

The day was one of frustration for South Africa, whose bowlers failed to make use of conditions favouring seam and swing and looked much less of a force than had been anticipated. Nonetheless, Atherton paid them generous respect and said he had enjoyed much

 The stand between Atherton and Mark Butcher was the 20th highest England opening partnership in history and the fifth highest against the South Africans. It was the best by any country at Edgbaston.

Oldest profession has no role in one of the newest

By Robert Milliken in Sydney

the edge of the bat.

suspected that professionalism would change the heart and soul of rugby union. Now a group of Australian women have provoked a row over the role of alcohol and sex in a game whose amateur image was one of beerswilling players rendering dirty songs in the bar.

from a brothel to finance a trip ate for a representative team, as to play in the forthcoming na- brothels are not legal."

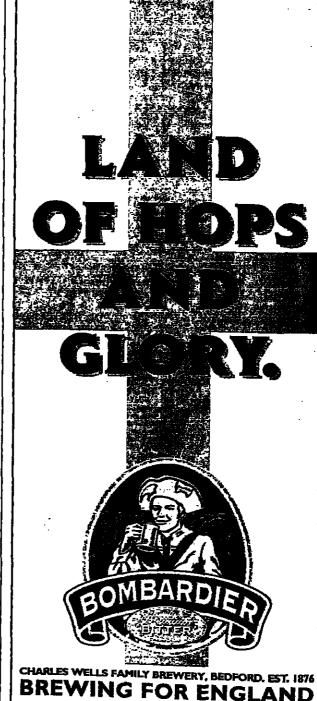
tional women's championships in Darwin.

The men of the easternbased ARU felt justified in their decision to scupper the Western Amazons' initiative because prostitution is illegal in Western Australia. That has not stopped Perth having some of Australia's cohol has brought more misery, more flamboyant brothels, one of which came up with A\$10,000 (£3,700) for the Amazons. "That is outside the game's

code of conduct," said Terry Wilkinson, the executive director of the Western Australian Rugby Union and a member of the ARU. "They've gone too far. We didn't feel it appropri-

The Amazons have not taken the ban lying down. Sue Roberts, their coach, hit back at the ARU, saying: "They're hypocrites. The Western Australian Rugby Union is sponsored by a brewery. Sport should be apolitical and amoral. We believe alabuse, accidents and health problems to women's and children's lives than a brothel ever bas."

Perhaps, the men in authority were already feeling threatened because of the team's previous choice of sponsor. Last year the Amazons had the backing of a Perth scaffolding company and played in shorts sporting the slogan "Instant Erections".



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